What impressed the market:
An outstanding year for Bonn & Schmitt saw it beat tough competition from magic circle firms to clinch the Luxembourg Firm of the Year award. The firm worked on Seat Pagine Gialle’s award-winning restructure, and EQT’s acquisition of BSN Medical from Montagu, which was shortlisted in the private equity deal of the year category.

The firm’s private equity practice deserves particular recognition, having also advised Equistone funds on their acquisition of Sunrise Medical Group. This truly global deal, which utilised an European based investment holding structure, reflects the firm’s ability to tackle multinational transactions. Another example was the structuring of an innovative investment model for China Three Gorges. Bonn & Schmitt’s work allowed the company to acquire a controlling stake in Portugal-based EDP, which creates a strategic alliance between renewable energy leaders in Brazil and China.

IFLR congratulates Bonn & Schmitt on winning the Luxembourg Firm of the Year award.

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Methodology: IFLR’s annual awards celebrate innovation, novelty and complexity, whether structural or regulatory. IFLR seeks to recognise the most innovative deals of the past 12 months, and the legal teams and local advisors that worked on them. Our editorial staff spoke to lawyers, both private practice and in-house, and other professionals across the region to assess the difficulty and intricacy of innovation, as well as its likely market impact. The role of the individual law firm on the deal is also considered. For a more detailed explanation of our methodology please contact IFLR.