

Q1 2018 League Tables

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The hotly-anticipated global Infrastructure Finance and Project Finance league tables for the first quarter of 2018 have now been published by *IJGlobal*.

Recording activity across the globe in the financing of infrastructure across all its sub-sectors, Q1 has revealed a number of interesting trends in an increasingly broad range of countries and sectors.

As with the first quarters of 2017 and 2016, M&A activity accounted for a significantly greater proportion of the total than the combined figures for primary financing and refinancing, driven as always by a desire to close deals before the end of many organisations' financial years.

The greatest value of infrastructure finance deals to have made it to financial close in the first quarter of 2018 are located in North America where \$62.7 billion of projects made it to financial close. Meanwhile greatest deal volume was achieved in Europe with 148 closes.

European deals – while numerous – were smaller with the full value amounting to \$38.9 billion, whereas North America registered 101 financial closes. In a curious twist, deal volume and deal value for North America/Europe are almost identical in reverse on the images below.

Project finance for global infrastructure in this first quarter has seen a fascinating spread of sectors represented as this instrument is leveraged to great effect in markets at all stages of economic development.

PF solutions have been particularly deployed in renewable energy space and the coming years will see this trend continue as the drive to diversify power sources continues and lenders become increasingly comfortable with construction risk.

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