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GORCHES Y PEÑALOSA**M&A OPERATIONS IN MEXICO AND THE EFFECT OF NEARSHORING IN 2023**[More information...](#)

The economic slowdown that has occurred internationally this year is a determining factor for M&A transactions to focus mostly on medium-sized operations (Middle Market), and it is predicted that M&A activity in Mexico will maintain the same momentum it registered in 2022, according to the Bloomberglinea article. Said article also mentions that Nearshoring, together with T-MEC, could boost mergers and acquisitions in Mexico in sectors such as industrial, manufacturing, real estate, technology, and telecommunications, highlighting however, that a sector that could give surprises due to its post pandemic growth, is the restaurant and retail industries.

LATIN AMERICAN M&A MARKET RECORDS 48% DECLINE THROUGH FEBRUARY 2023[More information...](#)

The Latin American transactional market registered 321 deals for an aggregate amount of US\$3,005 million up to February of this year. These figures show a 48% decrease in the number of transactions, and an 83% decrease in capital raised, compared to the same period in 2022. Meanwhile, 141 mergers and acquisitions were recorded in February, both announced and closed, for an aggregate amount of US\$1.63 billion. In the case of Mexico, 28 transactions were recorded, equivalent to a 56% decrease and an 89% drop in capital raised (US\$224 million). On the other hand, Nearshoring has been on the rise in Mexico. The automotive industry was the source of almost 40% of all real estate demand among Nearshoring investors.

UBS AGREES TO ACQUIRE CREDIT SUISSE[More information...](#)

In the wake of the recent international banking crisis that began with the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank in the United States, Swiss bank UBS announced the acquisition of the also Swiss Credit Suisse to avoid its collapse, furthermore, it announced that UBS will assume Credit Suisse's operation upon completion of the acquisition. The cost of the acquisition was approximately \$3.25 billion dollars. Following the announcement, Credit Suisse shares plunged as much as 63%; on the other hand, after an initial drop following the announcement, UBS shares rose to close with a 1.26% gain. The merger of these banks presupposes the first merger of systematically relevant banks since the 2008 crisis.

CALL FOR THE CERTIFICATION ON THE PREVENTION OF TRANSACTIONS WITH RESOURCES OF ILLICIT ORIGIN AND FINANCING OF TERRORISM[More information...](#)

The National Banking and Securities Commission (Comisión Nacional Bancaria y de Valores) issued the call for applications for this year's Certification on the Prevention of Transactions with Resources of Illicit Origin and Financing of Terrorism. The call is mainly aimed at compliance officers, independent external auditors, internal auditors, individuals who provide their services to financial institutions, as well as for individuals subject to the supervision of the CNBV or who cooperate with it. The certification will be carried out through an exam that will evaluate the theoretical and practical knowledge of the participants. In general, the purpose of the evaluation is to strengthen the capabilities of financial institutions to detect and prevent transactions with resources of illicit origin and financing of terrorism.

CEMEX AND VULCAN REACH PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT ON THE USE OF PORT FACILITIES IN QUINTANA ROO[More information...](#)

In previous weeks, the U.S. company Vulcan Materials publicly reported the alleged illegal occupation of its port facilities of Punta Venado located in Playa del Carmen by the Mexican armed forces and the cement company CEMEX, the foregoing escalated tensions between the governments of Mexico and the United States. On its side, CEMEX claimed that it had a court order and local prosecutors' offices orders to occupy the port; in the past, Vulcan and its subsidiaries have been involved in several legal proceedings against Mexican authorities for the revocation of certain concessions and alleged environmental damages caused by Vulcan. After negotiations between CEMEX and Vulcan, both parties recently reached a provisional agreement for CEMEX's use of the port; they also informed that they are working to reach a long-term agreement.

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