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Malaysia's IHH Mulls Bid for Australia's Healthscope

Malaysia's IHH Healthcare Bhd. is considering a bid for Australia's Healthscope, a hospital and pathology **company** put on the block by private-**equity** owners TPG Capital and Carlyle Group LP in a deal that could be worth \$5 **billion**, people familiar with the matter said.

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Deal Gives Safeway Scope to Think Big, Act Locally

Safeway Inc.'s \$9.4 **billion sale** to the owner of rival supermarket operator Albertsons means that, after years of shrinking, it will be part of something much bigger. But the merger's success will hinge partly on whether Safeway can operate more like a local grocer.

Hochtief Bids A\$1.16 **Billion** for Bigger Leighton **Stake**

Germany's Hochtief AG (HOT.XE) moved to tighten its grip on Leighton Holdings Ltd. (LEI.AU) on Monday, saying it will offer 1.16 **billion** Australian dollars (US\$1.05 **billion**) to increase its controlling **stake** in Australia's biggest construction **company**.

Fruit Companies Fyffes, Chiquita Agree to \$1.07B Merger

Fruit companies Fyffes PLC (FFY.DB) and Chiquita Brands International Inc. (CQB.LN) said Monday they have agreed to combine in an all-stock transaction worth about \$1.07 **billion**.

Unilever Invests in **Chinese** Water-Purification With Buy of Majority **Stake** in Qinyuan Group

Unilever PLC bought a majority **stake** in **Chinese** water-purification **company** Qinyuan Group Co., marking its first **acquisition** in **China** in a decade and a strategic move into a market with high demand for clean water.

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Bouygues Deal Could Speed Up Antitrust Review -Report

Bouygues SA (EN.FR) selling much of its mobile-network infrastructure and radio spectrum Iliad SA (ILD.FR) could make for a speedier and simpler antitrust review of Bouygues's bid to buy rival SFR, the head of France' competition authority said in an interview Monday.

Imerys Drops From Bidding Race for AMCOL

France's Imerys (NK.FR) has given up bidding for U.S. minerals and materials **company** AMCOL (ACO), refusing to raise its offer after rival Minerals Technologies (MTX) made a higher offer on Friday.

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Alibaba to Spend \$805

Million for 60% **Stake** in **ChinaVision** Media

China's Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. has agreed to spend HK\$6.24 **billion** (US\$805 **million**) to buy a 60% **stake** in **ChinaVision** Media Group Ltd., a television and film production **firm**, as the e-commerce giant keeps up its **acquisition** spree amid fierce competition from rival Internet firms.

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Norwegian Air May Buy Another Carrier If Denied U.S. Permit

Norwegian Air Shuttle ASA Chief Executive Bjorn Kjos said the budget-minded airline will buy another European carrier with a U.S. foreign-carrier permit to secure its trans-Atlantic expansion plans if its own request for such a permit is rejected.

Campari Acquires Canadian Whisky Maker for C\$185.6 Mln

Davide Campari-Milano S.p.A. Wednesday agreed to acquire Forty Creek Distillery Ltd. for 185.6 **million** Canadian dollars (\$167.2 **million**) to take advantage of the growing popularity of Canadian whisky.

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Shell Sets Plan to Boost Returns

Royal Dutch Shell PLC said Thursday it would separate some of its Americas downstream businesses and sell non-strategic positions, as well as cut spending in its Americas upstream business by 20% this year, in a bid to improve returns.

Hochtief Resisted Pressure to Bid for All of Leighton

As talks to decide the fate of Leighton Holdings Ltd. on Wednesday ran past midnight, Germany's Hochtief AG came under pressure to bid for all of Australia's biggest construction **company** and end years of boardroom infighting.

Bouygues Raises Bid for Vivendi's SFR Unit

Bouygues SA (EN.FR) has raised its bid for Vivendi SA's (VIV.FR) telecom unit SFR, a spokesman for the **company** said Thursday, confirming several earlier press reports.

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