

HD News Highlights: Top M&A Stories Of The Day**WC** 552 words**PD** 3 June 2014**ET** 00:13**SN** Dow Jones Institutional News**SC** DJDN**LA** English**CY** Copyright © 2014, Dow Jones & Company, Inc.**LP****HEALTH CARE REIT VENTAS TO BUY ARC**

Health care real-estate investment trust Ventas is buying competitor American Realty Capital Healthcare Trust in a \$2.6 **billion** cash-and-stock deal announced by the companies.

TD**PERSHING SEEKS REMOVAL OF 6 ALLERGAN DIRECTORS**

Pershing Square Capital Management called for a special meeting of Allergan shareholders in an effort to unseat six of the Botox maker's board members and takeover the **company** alongside Valeant Pharmaceuticals.

ETIHAD TO INVEST IN ALITALIA ONCE CONDITIONS MET

Abu Dhabi's Etihad Airways on Sunday said it would invest in Alitalia if a number of conditions are met, ending months of negotiations over the future of the near-bankrupt Italian carrier.

MARATHON

OIL SELLS NORWAY UNIT FOR \$2.1 **BILLION**

Marathon **Oil** is selling its Norwegian business for more than \$2 **billion** to Norway's Det Norske Oljeselskap as part of its drive to exit the North Sea.

DAI-ICHI LIFE INSURANCE EYES U.S.

ACQUISITION

Dai-ichi Life Insurance said that it is considering buying a U.S. life insurer, responding to a report that said it was considering spending over \$4.87 **billion** to buy Alabama-based Protective Life.

TPG SAID TO BUY UGL'S PROPERTY SERVICES UNIT

TPG Capital is in final negotiations with UGL to buy its DTZ property management arm for \$1.1 **billion**, the Australian Financial Review newspaper reported.

SAI GLOBAL ATTRACTS NEW BID INTEREST

Standards-and-compliance-services provider SAI Global put itself up for **sale** on Monday after a takeover approach from Pacific **Equity** Partners worth up to \$1.03 **billion** spurred interest from other parties.

ORIGIN BUYS KAROON'S AUSTRALIAN GAS ASSETS

Origin has agreed to buy a 40% **stake** in fields in the Browse Basin from Karoon Gas Australia and planned to fund the deal through \$926 **million** share **sale**.

ROCHE BUYS U.S. DNA SEQUENCING

FIRM

Roche said that it is acquiring a California **company** that develops DNA-sequencing technology as part of the Swiss pharmaceutical giant's push deeper into diagnostics.

HENKEL MAKES ACQUISITIONS IN US PROFESSIONAL HAIR-CARE SECTOR

Household consumer products maker Henkel said it plans to acquire three U.S. companies in the professional hair-care sector for 270 **million** euros or \$368 **million**.

TURKISH

FIRM BUYS GAS **STAKE**

Turkish Petroleum Corp., the state-run **energy company** known as TPAO, bought French **firm** Total SA's 10% **stake** in Azerbaijan's Shah Deniz gas project, in a deal worth \$1.5 **billion**.

THE TABLES TURN FOR HILLSHIRE'S CEO

Hillshire Brands Co. CEO is weighing escalating bids from two of the world's biggest meat companies against his own ambitions for the owner of fabled brands like Jimmy Dean and Sara Lee.

CHINA SEES CITIC LISTING AS MODEL FOR STATE-**FIRM** OVERHAULS

China is poised this week to complete plans for one of the world's biggest mergers of the year, a \$37 **billion** deal that could be a blueprint for overhauling massive, inefficient state-owned enterprises.

SCA-PEP JOINT VENTURE TO LIST IN SYDNEY

Pacific **Equity** Partners and partner Svenska Cellulosa aim to raise up to \$639 **million** through an IPO of toilet-paper-and-diapers maker Asaleo Care.

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