

CLOSE X

Loading Image...

[HOME](#)[NEWS](#)[FEATURES](#)[VIDEO & AUDIO](#)[DIRECTORY](#)[CONTACT](#)

24 August 2011 08:19

Cambridge's largest ever M&A deals: the top 10

AUTHOR // [Lautaro Vargas](#) and [Ben Fountain](#) POSTED IN // [The Cluster](#)

2

The proposed £7.1bn acquisition of Autonomy by Hewlett Packard is set to be one of the largest software acquisitions to date, and certainly the Cambridge cluster's biggest yet, which set us at Cabume thinking, just which have been the city's largest deals?

The result is the top 10 mergers and acquisitions of Cambridge cluster companies in terms of deal value plus seven other significant deals (though not necessarily the top 17).

Autonomy topped the list by a massive margin and with at least \$1.8bn worth of its own acquisitions, is probably near the top of a list of largest Cambridge acquirers (were such a list to exist).

The second largest deal was the £870m merger of Virata with Globespan. It would have been UCB's £1.5bn acquisition of Celltech, but the biotech company was by then predominantly based out of the region, though its £331m merger with Chiroscience does feature.

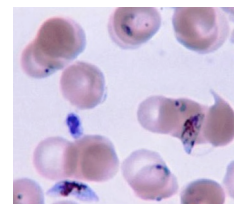


Hermann Hauser (stood left with Chris Curry) was involved with several of the top 10 companies including Solexa, Acorn (later Element 14) and Virata, which was Cambridge's largest M&A deal until HP and Autonomy's £7.1bn deal

LATEST



Guardian is first customer for Taptu's third platform

[Software](#)

Oxford and Cambridge set roadmap for development of world's first malaria vaccine

[Medtech](#)

Introducing... Our new web app

Handy Elepha goes public on new email app

[Software](#)