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## **It's clear skies for M&A execs**

**Last month's Icelandic volcano eruption actually cleared up something for deal watchers: The mergers-and-acquisitions market is alive and kicking.**

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**The Lawyers' Travel Service\*** had so many clients raring to get to the U.K. for deal talks the week after the eruption that it was able to fill a chartered jet with 160 M&A types—hedge fund executives, private equity guys, investment bankers and corporate lawyers. The Lawyers' Travel Service's\* law firm practice handles travel for half of the AmLaw 100 firms.

“Most of our clients work in the mergers-and-acquisitions world,” says Michael Steiner, executive vice president of The Lawyers' Travel Service\*. “And if we're any kind of decent litmus test of activity, let's just say that business started picking up in December, and it's up big-time over this same time last year.”

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