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• **AT&T Raises Price Tag on TV Rollout**

Reuters and Thomson said Reuters Chief Executive Tom Glocer will become CEO of the combined companies if a planned merger valued at around \$17.55 billion is successful. **4:55 a.m.**

J.P. Morgan agreed to stop making payments to over 100 alumni associations, arrangements that allowed the company to market its loans directly to graduates.

A World Bank panel found Wolfowitz ran afoul of ethics rules when he used his position as president to secure a pay package for his girlfriend.

Icahn failed in his bid to win a seat on Motorola's board, according to preliminary results released by the telecom-equipment maker.

Alcoa's \$26.9 billion bid for Alcan escalates the commodity sector's buyout frenzy. The deal, which would create an aluminum giant with a combined 20% of global output, faces several obstacles.

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Dow Jones's former chairman, Peter Kann, wrote the Bancrofts to applaud them for opposing a sale of the company to News Corp. ([Letter](#))

Deutsche Bank said its quarterly net profit rose 30% as robust capital markets supported its debt and equity-trading business. **1:54 a.m.**

A group of House lawmakers plans to challenge a deal on overhauling supervision of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

J&J said it was pulling its Co-Star drug-eluting stent from overseas markets and withdrawing its U.S. application following poor results in a clinical trial.

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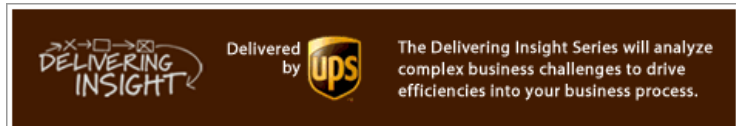
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