

Mergers & Acquisitions

Two different ways for a pair of companies to synergize.

Mergers mean the missing letter comes between the two symbols. Acquisitions mean the acquired company goes inside the named company, along with missing letter.

SYMB.	COMPANY	PRICE
A	Agilent	\$263.11
ALL	Allstate	\$220.01
BBY	Best Buy	\$190.17
COH	Coach	\$129.08
DG	Dollar General	\$78.02
DO	Diamond Offshore Drilling	\$74.12
DOW	Dow Chemical	\$77.15
ED	Consolidated Edison	\$32.00
EL	Estee Lauder	\$298.00
ES	Eversource Energy	\$278.00
ESS	Essex Property Trust	\$272.04
FE	FirstEnergy Corp.	\$34.13
GE	General Electric	\$101.09
HAR	Harman Int'l	\$284.05
HON	Honeywell Int'l	\$186.05
IFF	Intl Flavors & Fragrances	\$187.11
K	Kellogg	\$36.17
KLAC	KLA-Tencor	\$24.20
M	Macy's	\$31.02
MA	Mastercard	\$69.02
MAS	Masco Corp.	\$43.04
MO	Altria Group	\$187.02
MS	Morgan Stanley	\$300.05
NEE	NextEra Energy Corp.	\$143.01
NUE	Nucor	\$231.08
O	Realty Income Corp.	\$43.09
R	Ryder System	\$68.17
SE	Spectra Energy	\$279.08
T	AT&T	\$202.04
V	Visa	\$125.03

Added letters = SUM CENTS OF PAIRS
 FINAL ANSWER = SOLUTION IS BUCKY = "BUCKY"

Mastercard merges with company to make a better face disguise.

MA + K = MASK
 .02 + .17 = 19 = S

FirstEnergy Corp.

acquires company in quest for tastier dessert.

FE + DG = FUDGE
 .13 + .02 = 15 = O

Diamond Offshore

Drilling merges with company who can help them build spherical roofs.

DO + ES = DOMES
 .12 + .00 = 12 = L

NextEra Energy Corp.

acquires company and jumps into jewelry business.

NEE + KLAC = NECKLACE
 .01 + .20 = 21 = U

Honeywell Int'l

acquires company and does a do-si-do.

HON + DOW = HOWDOWN
 .05 + .15 = 20 = T

Harman Int'l merges with company to build a stronger set of straps for a horse.

HAR + ESS = HARNESS
 .05 + .04 = 9 = I

Masco Corp. merges with company and makes every day Bring Your Droopy-Eared Dog To Work Day

MAS + IFF = MASTIFF
 .04 + .11 = 15 = O

Morgan Stanley acquires company and demands "Don't Lichen Us To Other Conglomerates."

MS + O = MOSS
 .05 + .09 = 14 = N

Allstate acquires company to get in the booze game.

ALL + COH = ALCOHOL
 .01 + .08 = 9 = I

Spectra Energy acquires company to keep everyone secure.

SE + A = SAFE
 .08 + .11 = 19 = S

Altria Group merges with company and together promises new two-wheeled vehicle.

MO + ED = MOPED
 .02 + .00 = 2 = B

AT&T merges with company to engineer a better striped housecat.

T + BBY = TBBY
 .04 + .17 = 21 = U

Estee Lauder acquires company in move to become The Dark Side.

EL + V = EVIL
 .00 + .03 = 3 = C

General Electric merges with company and starts work on a microbe.

GE + M = GERM
 .09 + .02 = 11 = K

Nucor acquires company and together they'll help new mothers breastfeed.

NUE + R = NURSE
 .08 + .17 = 25 = Y

