New Business: Wavemaker and Publicis Media at the top of the ranking, according to COMvergence

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According to the global barometer of media agencies “New Business Barometer (NBB) for H1 2023” published by COMvergence for the first half of 2023, Wavemaker (GroupM-WPP) came first among media agency networks, in terms of new business results with a total new business value of +$1.2B, including $818M due to the gain in the media budget of Huawei China ($315M) and Adobe US ($140M), among others.

Zenith (Publicis Media) ranks second with a total value of +$581 million in new contracts, including Adobe’s multi-market win ($150 million) and L’Oreal in Iberia ($130 million). Initiative (IPG Mediabrands) occupies third position (+$555 million) thanks to the gain of Constellation Brands in the United States ($534 million).

OMG’s media networks, Hearts & Science and OMD, follow the leading trio very closely.
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On the group side

Publicis Media ranks first with a total value of +$3.3B thanks to the overall gain of Pfizer ($1.5B), LVMH in NA ($360M), and Signet Jewelers and Walgreens in the United States ($475M). Mediabrands takes second place with a net gain of $1.7 billion. GroupM (WPP) ranks third with $1.1 billion.

Between January and June 2023, COMvergence evaluated 1,771 movements and retentions of media accounts (1,200 advertisers in total) across 46 countries for a total of $14.4 billion (+10% vs. H1 2022). The United States accounts for 45% of total spending examined globally.

Methodology: Total media spend estimates are based on the aggregation of deflated offline media spend data from Nielsen/Kantar Media and online media spend estimates with COMvergence’s proprietary methodology based on average digital shares by category/customer.