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Plesner's Corporate Finance team handles some of the largest and most complex corporate transactions within capital markets and M&A (sales, buy-side, cross-border, partnering/minority, JVs, carve-out, etc.). The team provides an integrated multi-disciplinary powerhouse to international and national players in M&A and capital markets (both takeovers of listed companies and IPOs, etc.).

## PRACTICE AREAS

Capital Markets  
M&A

With more than 25 years of experience, Thomas is one of the most experienced transaction lawyers in the market, having handled several of the largest and most complex transactions in the Danish market (including the Novonesis merger, SAS restructuring and acquisition, and Simcorp) and the market's recent IPOs (Netcompany and Gubra).

With transactions worth more than EUR 61 billion and 144 transactions (source: MergerMarket), Thomas is one of the highest ranked and recognised transaction lawyers in the market in both numbers and value. Thomas concentrates on M&A and capital markets transactions.

According to Mergerlinks, Thomas ranks as "the No. 1 Top M&A Lawyer in Denmark" in 2023 and leads the market in all recognised rankings of Danish transactional lawyers (Chambers, Legal500, etc.).

Thomas mainly focuses on assisting corporate clients and foundations. Thomas' experience includes M&A mandates, cross-border M&A, take-private transactions, IPOs, ABBs, rights issues, and JV/merger transactions.

Thomas has a Master's degree in Law from the University of Copenhagen and Cambridge University.

Almost all the matters that Thomas is involved in require a multi-disciplinary team approach and project leadership. Clients continuously seek him and the team for their ability to provide a clear set of priorities, clear communication, and a deep commercial understanding of the client's needs.

**Case News**

IPOs of Netcompany, Gubra, ISS, Ørsted, Orphazyme, Scandinavian Tobacco Group, Maersk Drilling, Zealand Pharma, NTG, etc.

**Case News**

M&A transactions e.g. Santaris Pharma, Symphogen, EET, Flying Tiger, acquisition of Circle K, Norlys (infrastructure), Creativ Company, Union, KK Engineering, CEGO, Durascan, PrecisionBiotics Group, etc.

**Case News**

Sale of Santaris Pharma, Symphogen, EET, Flying Tiger, etc.

**Case News**

Sivantos and Widex - merger between Sivantos and Widex

**Case News**

Nordjyske Bank A/S - adviser to the company in connection with a public take-over offer

**Case News**

Veloxis Pharmaceuticals A/S - adviser to the company in connection Asahi Kasei's public take-over offer

**Case News**

LEO Foundation and LEO Pharma - adviser to LEO Foundation and LEO Pharma in connection with Nordic Capital's EUR 450 million investment in LEO Pharma

**Case News**

Noble Corporation - adviser to Noble in connection with the take-over of Maersk Drilling

**Case News**

TDC A/S - adviser to consortium in connection with the consortium's voluntary take-over bid for TDC

**Case News**

The Danish Ministry of Finance and Ørsted – Ørsted (DONG Energy) transaction with Goldman Sachs, ATP and PFA, and the subsequent IPO of Ørsted

**Case News**

The Danish Ministry of Finance – advice in connection with the entering into of an investment agreement between SAS AB and a consortium

**Case News**

Novozymes (now Novonesis) – the merger between Novozymes and Chr. Hansen (the largest merger in Danish history)

**Case News**

Deutsche Börse AG and SimCorp A/S - advisor to Deutsche Börse in connection with its public takeover offer to the shareholders of SimCorp A/S

**Case News** 20.03.2025

NTG to acquire DTK

**Case News** 18.03.2025

Alight acquires Lidsø solar park

**Case News** 12.03.2025

Zealand Pharma & Roche Partner to co-develop petrelintide for obesity treatment

**Case News** 10.03.2025

HERAX Life Science has been acquired by ProductLife Group

**Case News** 05.03.2025

A/S Motortramp invests in the Alumichem group

**Case News** 03.03.2025

Gubra and AbbVie enter license agreement on amylin analog for obesity

**Case News** 12.02.2025

Novonesis to acquire dsm-firmenich's share of the Feed Enzyme Alliance

**Case News** 10.02.2025

Netcompany to acquire SDC

**Case News** 29.01.2025

DPA Microphones A/S acquires Austrian Audio GmbH

**Case News** 12.12.2024

Dansk Ejerkapital, three professional investors and management to acquire Creativ Company

Case News 06.12.2024

emagine acquires Boost IT

Case News 29.11.2024

Visma announces all-cash voluntary recommended public takeover offer for Penneo

Case News 15.11.2024

Nobilis Group GmbH set to acquire TMC Nordic A/S

Case News 06.11.2024

Sønderborg Varme og Broager Fjernvarme sammenlægges

Case News 29.10.2024

Wellvita Group acquires Natupharma A/S and becomes market leader in the Nordics

Case News 28.10.2024

Aarstiderne sold to Dagrofa

Case News 25.10.2024

7N sold to Polaris Private Equity

Case News 24.10.2024

Puzzel to acquire Capturi

Case News 11.10.2024

emagine to acquire Allgeier Experts

Case News 10.10.2024

Digital Group acquires XDC Gruppen

Case News 20.09.2024

Sampo plc successfully completes its public exchange offer to the shareholders of Topdanmark A/S

Case News 20.09.2024

Ford to divest Ford Motor Company A/S and its Danish import business to Nic. Christiansen Group

Case News 18.09.2024

Sampo plc completes dual listing on Nasdaq Copenhagen

Case News 13.09.2024

Copilot Capital acquires Danish SaaS company PriceShape

Case News 05.09.2024

Jyske Finans acquires Opendo's private leasing and fleet management portfolio

Case News 23.08.2024

Axcel-backed Tic elkas/Eegholm/Elcor group acquires Elektro Aros Elautomation

Case News 22.08.2024

Ramboll to acquire K2 Management to strengthen global wind division

Case News 12.07.2024

Standard Motor Products to acquire Nissens Automotive

Case News 26.06.2024

Plesner has assisted our long-time client Zealand Pharma with a record equity raise through an accelerated bookbuilding offering in a private placement raising proceeds of USD 1 billion / DKK 7 billion

Case News 18.06.2024

Sampo plc announces a public exchange offer to the shareholders of Topdanmark A/S

Case News 10.06.2024

Magellan Capital Holdings acquires majority stake in Danmarks Skibskredit A/S

Case News 03.06.2024

Bridgepoint acquires MyDefence

Case News 14.05.2024

Wegener to acquire the Danish steel business Ib Andresen Industri

Case News 01.05.2024

Svitzer Group A/S is listed on Nasdaq Copenhagen

Case News 30.04.2024

Dürr Group sells Agramkow Fluid Systems A/S to Solix Group AB

Case News 27.02.2024

Edenred to acquire Spirii

Case News 08.02.2024

Solina group to acquire the premium culinary brands, OSCAR and Puljonki

Case News 01.02.2024

Plesner advises on the successful sale of Parcel4You to Link Logistics

Case News 29.01.2024

The largest merger in Danish history completed today

Case News 25.01.2024

Capidea invests in Digital Group

Case News 13.12.2023

Novozymes and Chr. Hansen obtains competition clearance in Phase I

Case News 04.12.2023

SKAKO Concrete divests its Concrete division to Zefyr Invest IV

Case News 28.11.2023

SAS enters into investment agreement as part of its reorganization process

Case News 28.11.2023

Ahlsell has entered into an agreement to acquire Bacher Work Wear

Case News 28.11.2023

Emerson invests in Frugal Technologies

Case News 13.11.2023

General Atlantic acquires majority stake in Joe & the Juice

Case News

09.11.2023

Deutsche Börse AG successfully completes takeover of SimCorp A/S

## Ratings



2025

The Legal 500 - Hall of Fame

Thomas Holst Laursen is recommended and has been inducted into the Legal 500 Hall of Fame as regards Commercial, Corporate and M&A. Further, Thomas Holst Laursen is recommended and listed as a Leading Partner as regards Capital Markets. In addition, he is recommended as regards Insolvency.

"Thomas Holst Laursen is a very pragmatic, solution-oriented lawyer"

"Thomas Holst Laursen - exceptionally good within public M&A, in particular. Pragmatic and solution-focused. Very hands-on and always available"

"Great depth of the teams around Janus Jepsen and Thomas Holst Laursen in capital markets law. Very responsive on all levels"

"Thomas Holst Laursen is very commercially oriented with a clear focus on problem-solving. He gives clear, unbiased and salient advice"

"Thomas Holst Laursen possesses strong strategic understanding which is reflected in his advice. He is good at navigating complex stakeholder landscapes, yet always gives his honest opinion, even when it may not be the most popular which is something that I value highly"

"Thomas Holst Laursen is one of the best negotiators in the Nordics. He had no problem standing firm against a room full of US lawyers"

2025

Chambers Global



Thomas Holst Laursen is ranked as a leading individual (Band 1) as regards Corporate/M&A by Chambers Global and Chambers Europe.

"Thomas Holst Laursen is a top-notch lawyer"

"Thomas Holst Laursen is an amazing lawyer"

"Thomas is a very skilled lawyer who is pragmatic; he knows where to pick a fight and where not to"

"Thomas not only is an excellent legal adviser but also helps with key deal-making elements"

"He is one of the few lawyers in Denmark who understands the commercial aspects of a deal without compromising on the quality of the legal advice"





## most recent WWL

Thomas Holst Laursen is listed as a Global Elite Thought Leader as regards Life Sciences - Transactional. Further, he is recommended as a Global Leader as regards M&A, Corporate Governance, and Capital Markets - Debt & Equity.



## 2023 + 2024 IFLR1000

Thomas Holst Laursen is listed as a Leading Lawyer (Market Leader) as regards Capital Markets: Equity, Private Equity Funds, Private Equity and M&A.

"He is sharp and analytical – but with a sound pragmatic approach" (2023)

"Very strong overall, very commercial, to the point, tells it like it is and does not hold back in negotiations" (2023)

"Very pleasant and knowledgeable. Probably the best lawyer of his generation" (2023)

"Bright, engaging, commercially aware and always professional and collegiate in manner" (2023)



## 2024 The Legal 500

Thomas Holst Laursen is recommended and has been inducted into the Legal 500 Hall of Fame as regards Commercial, Corporate and M&A. Further, he is recommended and listed as a leading individual as regards Capital Markets.

"Thomas Holst Laursen is the natural leader of the firm and is truly a pleasure to work with"

"Thomas Holst Laursen has superb knowledge and a practical pragmatic approach"



## 2019 - 2024 Chambers Global

Thomas Holst Laursen is ranked as a leading individual as regards Corporate/M&A by Chambers Global and Chambers Europe.

"Thomas has a great approach and is very commercial and knowledgeable" (2024)

"He has strong negotiation skills and a deep knowledge in the nature of transactions" (2024)



## 2022 + 2023 The Legal 500 - Hall of Fame

Thomas Holst Laursen has been inducted into the Legal 500 Hall of Fame as regards Commercial, Corporate and M&A. He is recommended as regards Commercial, Corporate and M&A. Further, he is recommended and listed as a leading individual as regards Capital Markets.

"Thomas Holst Laursen is seasoned and very sharp" (2023)

"Thomas Holst Laursen is taking a very holistic and considered approach to the legal issues related to the company transition we are working on" (2022)



2017 - 2022 IFLR1000

Thomas Holst Laursen is listed as a Leading Lawyer (Market Leader) as regards Capital Markets: Equity, Private Equity Funds, Private Equity and M&A.

"He is always very open and transparent. He has a friendly nature and has very broad experience. His communication is most often very clear and his knowledge on specific areas is often very deep. He is especially good at strategic advisory. He always does what he promises and his availability is fantastic" (2022)

"Highly skilled; makes things happen; client-first attitude" (2022)

"Thomas Holst Laursen provides thorough solutions. He has a pragmatic and solutions-oriented approach to the challenges presented. He understands the commercial angle and remembers the personal angle can be important, too" (2021/2022)