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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.

Selected cases

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 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
Ahlseil has entered into an agreement to acquire Bacher Work Wear
- Case News** 28.11.2023
Emerson invests in Frugal Technologies
- Case News** 28.11.2023
SAS enters into investment agreement as part of its reorganization process
- 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

Case News 09.11.2023

Nets enters into an agreement to divest its eID business to IN Groupe

Case News 26.10.2023

Agilitas completes sale of the Reconor Group

Case News 16.10.2023

Teledyne Technologies acquires Xena Networks

Case News 07.07.2023

Plesner advised Nordic Solar with EUR 300m flexible credit facility

Case News 30.06.2023

IK Partners to sell Løgismose

Case News 27.06.2023

PenSam Pension divests subsidiary PenSam Forsikring

Case News 08.05.2023

Funds advised by Agilitas complete the buy-out of NNIT's IT infrastructure outsourcing business

Case News 27.04.2023

Deutsche Börse AG announces public takeover offer for SimCorp A/S

Case News 11.04.2023

Zealand Pharma completes a successful accelerated bookbuilding offering of DKK 1.5 billion

Case News 27.03.2023

Plesner assisted Ambu with a DKK 1.1 billion accelerated bookbuilding offering

Case News 24.03.2023

Capidea divests Obsidian Group

Case News

20.03.2023

Plesner advises Gubra in connection with its proposed IPO

Ratings



2017 - 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)

"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)



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)

Thomas Holst Laursen is a highly regarded practitioner in the field and is particularly noted for his prowess in equity capital market transactions. His areas of strength also include tender offers, company acquisitions and demergers. Clients enthuse that he is "extremely efficient and very commercial. He understands what is important and what is not, so he goes straight to the point" (2022)



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.



2022 - 2023 The Legal 500 - Hall of Fame

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"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)