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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** 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 Mototramp 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

Ahlsell 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

## 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"





CHAMBERS  
GLOBAL

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)



WWL  
Who's Who Legal

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.



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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)