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Harald Hellebust leads Wiersholm's M&A practice and has extensive experience in M&A, advising both private equity funds and industrial players. He is regularly used as lead counsel in large and complex transactions in the Nordic market. He also sometimes acts as an arbitrator in M&A disputes, and he is admitted to the Supreme Court. He is one of the most sought after M&A lawyers in Norway. In his deals, he develops advanced negotiation and auction strategies tailored to securing a deal for his clients at the right commercial and legal terms. In addition to heading up the transaction department, Harald also leads the firm's private equity sector group. Harald is a sought-after speaker, including at the annual corporate law conference in Sandefjord. He is also a regular contributor to the Wiersholm Summer School. He holds annual lectures on contract law and offers courses on assignment techniques that are highly popular among law students. Harald has been ranked as one of Norway's leading experts in acquisitions and mergers by renowned ranking agencies Chambers and Partners, Legal 500, and in the annual lawyer survey by Finansavisen.

> "*Harald Hellebust is the best M&A lawyer in Oslo. He is always taking the deliverables to the next level - he is an innovator. He is very good with numbers and is commercially minded.**"

Industry expertise

Private Equity

Areas of practice

Contract Law
M&A and Corporate Law

Selected projects

Sale of The North Alliance AS to Nordvestor

Assistance to CapMan and the other shareholders of The North Alliance AS, a pan-Scandinavian design, communication and technology agency with offices in Stockholm, Copenhagen, Oslo, Krakow, Chicago and Los Angeles, in connection with the sale of The North Alliance AS to Nordvestor. Wiersholm assisted CapMan in all aspects of the transaction. The assistance included inter alia preparations for cross-border due diligences, advice on the structuring of the transaction, drafting and negotiating transaction agreements, advise in connection with the W&I insurance, and advise on the structuring of the reinvestments. A large number of management sellers reinvesting large portions of their shareholding made the process particularly challenging.

SoftBank's investment in Oda

Assisted SoftBank i connection with the acquisition of 13.3 % in Oda, formerly Kolonial.no

The sale of Geomatikk Holding AS

Assistance to Geomatikk Holding AS in connection with the sale of all the shares in the company. Geomatikk is a tech-enabled services champion, managing critical ‘check-before-you-dig’ safety assessments to network owners, contractors and consulting engineers within Norway, Sweden and Finland. Hg will support Geomatikk with its extensive experience in scaling tech champions across Europe. Hg will become the majority investor, with founders and management remaining as significant investors in the business. The full terms of the transaction are not disclosed and closing is subject to obtaining relevant regulatory approvals.

The sale of Norkart AS

Assistance to Norkart in connection with the sale of all the shares in the investment company Ferd. Norkart offers municipal engineering solutions, map and property information to the public and private sectors and has over 330 Norwegian municipalities as customers. An interdisciplinary team from Wiersholm has assisted the Norkart shareholders throughout the sales process.

Sale of StormGeo AS

Assisted the acquisition fund EQT in connection with the sale of StormGeo AS

Sale of all shares to London-based PE-fund CGE Partners

Wiersholm assisted the shareholders of Inspera AS, including the PE firm Spring Capital, management and employees, on the sale of all shares in Inspera AS to the London-based PE fund CGE Partners

Green Resources AS

Assisted the shareholders in Green Resources AS with the sale of all shares to British Investment International

Joint venture med Elkem og Altor i Vianode

Assisted Norsk Hydro in the establishment of a joint venture with Elkem and Altor Vianode

Salg av aksjer i Montel til Riverside

Assisted the shareholders in Montel AS on the sale of all shares to Riverside

Bistand aksjesalg

Assisted Sector Alarm in relation to a sale of 30% of the company's shares to KKR

Salg av Geomatikk Holding AS

Assisted the shareholders in Geomatikk Holding AS on the sale of all shares to Hg Capital

Salget av Norkart AS

Assisted the shareholders in Norkart AS on the sale of all shares to Ferd AS

Work experience

Partner, Wiersholm, 2010

Partner, DLA Piper/DLA Nordic, 2005

Lawyer, Lindh Stabell Horten DA, 2002

Associate, Lindh Stabell Horten DA, 2000

Education

Cand. Jur., University of Oslo, 2000

Membership

Chairman of the Board, Wiersholm, 2023

Awards

Band 1 , Chambers Global, Corporate/M&A, 2024

Band 1, Chambers Europe, Corporate/M&A, 2024

2. plass, Advokatundersøkelsen, Finansavisen, Mergers and acquisitions, 2023

Leading individuals, Legal 500, , 2023

Highly regarded, IFLR1000, Corporate M&A and Private equity, 2023

Band 1, Chambers Europe, Corporate/M&A, 2023

Band 1, Chambers Global, Corporate/M&A, 2023

Band 1, Chambers Global , Corporate M&A - Norway , 2022

Leading individuals, Legal 500, Commercial, Corporate and M&A , 2022

Leading individuals, Legal 500, Commercial, corporate and M&A, 2021

Band 1, Chambers Global, Corporate/M&A - Norway, 2021

Band 2, Chambers Europe, Corporate/M&A, 2020

Leading individuals, Legal 500, Commercial, Corporate and M&A, 2020