

# Harald Hellebust

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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 Inspira AS, including the PE firm Spring Capital, management and employees, on the sale of all shares in Inspira 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

Hall of Fame , Legal 500, Commercial, Corporate and 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

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

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

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

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