



Corporate

DLA Piper's Nordic Corporate team delivers high-quality assistance in corporate matters and has specific knowledge of multijurisdictional, cross-border matters. As the only pan-Nordic corporate group, we are the perfect alternative for all companies requiring corporate services on a Nordic level.

In addition to our local expertise in the Nordic region, we have a unique strength in our global advisory services through our global network of DLA Piper offices. Our lawyers have access to specialists in all areas of business law worldwide, and we are able to provide you with specific subject-matter and industry advice at short notice. We advise a broad range of clients, from the largest global companies and investment funds to medium and small-sized companies. Our clients benefit from our Nordic presence and our timely, pragmatic and commercial approach to problem solving.

The corporate team operates on a regional, national and global basis, which means that services can be provided cost-effectively with a consistently high service by any of our offices in the Nordic region.

Headcount

The Nordic corporate group consists of approximately 120 lawyers. Globally, we have more than 1000 lawyers dedicated to corporate and M&A work.

We are highly experienced in the following areas:

- General Corporate Advisory
- M&A
- Private Equity
- Capital Markets
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Investment Funds

Recognition

DLA Piper Nordics is ranked #1 by deal count for two consecutive years and #5 in deal value in the Nordics by MergerMarket (Q1 2019).

CLIENT QUOTATIONS:

“The proactive team at DLA Piper provides practical advice and excellent value for money.”

Clients highlight also the lawyers’ “deep knowledge within their field of expertise and good understanding of our business, which provides a strong contribution to acquisitions from a commercial perspective”.

Representative Matters

- Represented **Betonmast** in relation to the merger with the Hæhre Isachsen group. As a result of the merger, the merged entity, BetonmastHæhre AS, has become one of the top 5 construction companies in Norway, with a combined turnover of approximately NOK 9 billion and 2,200 employees.
- DLA Piper represented a consortium comprising **Qumei Home Furnishing Group**, the leading large-scale China-based designer and manufacturer of furniture products; and Huatai Zijin Investment, a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Huatai Securities Company (a public company which provides comprehensive financial services in and outside China) on the circa US\$631 million public tender offer on Ekornes, the largest furniture manufacturer in the Nordic Region.
- Advised UGI Corporation’s Norwegian subsidiary **Kosan Gas** on their acquisition of 100% of the shares in the Norwegian LPG supplier Tanko AS. UGI Corporation runs LPG companies in the US and in 16 European countries.
- DLA Piper represented **STG Partners**, the leading US-based private equity firm focused on investing in innovative software, data, and analytics companies. Our corporate/M&A team advised STG Partners on its acquisition of Visma Retail and Extenda, two of the most prominent technology providers in the Tier One & Two retail industry. STG Partners will merge both companies to form Extenda Retail.
- DLA Piper is leading work for Victory Partners VIII Norway, a company which is indirectly-owned by US-based, **Abry Partners**, the leading US-based private equity firm which currently manages over US\$5 billion in capital in its active funds. Our Norway-based corporate/M&A team is advising this client in its €357 million cash offer to acquire all shares in Oslo-listed LINK Mobility Group.
- Advising **Sentica Partners** in the acquisition of majority shareholding in G7 Data Oy and Chilit Oy, creating a new and significant IT service provider in the Finnish ICT sector.
- Acted for game developer and publisher **Stillfront Group AB** in its acquisition of German company Altigi GmbH, together with DLA Piper Germany.
- Advised **ATP Pension** and **PFA Pension** on the IPO of DONG Energy, which is listed as the world’s largest IPO in 2016 and the largest European stock market listing for five years.
- Acted as Counsel to the company on the IPO of **Lauritz.com** on Nasdaq First North Premier in Stockholm.
- Acted for the Japanese technology group of companies **NEC Corporation**, one of the largest businesses in Japan and listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, with their purchase of KMD, Denmark’s largest IT services provider to the Danish public sector, whose existing majority shareholder was UK based Advent P/E.
- Acted for the majority shareholder **Adelis Equity Partners** in the divestment of leading IT hosting and outsourcing services provider IT Relation to UK-based private equity fund HgCapital.

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