

MOALEM WEITEMEYER BENDTSEN CONTINUES TO EMPLOY THE MOST EXPERIENCED DANISH M&A LAWYERS!

Mergermarket has released its 2018 Individuals League Tables ranking the most active Nordic M&A lawyers, including an interview with our chairman Dan Moalem, see the attached.

Moalem Weitemeyer Bendtsen's chairman Dan Moalem is the most active Nordic M&A lawyer in 2018 having advised on 28 M&A deals with a combined deal value of EUR 8,599m. Dan Moalem is no stranger to the Individuals League Tables pinnacle. He maintains a solid no. 1 position in Denmark and in the entire Nordic region, whether it is looking back 3 years or 5 years. In 2018 Dan advised on large corporate transactions, public takeovers and a substantial number of private equity deals.

Another impressive five of our partners secure a spot in the top 10, namely partners Pernille Nørkær, Lennart Meyer Østenfeld, Bjørn Krog Andersen, Henning Aasmul-Olsen, and Thomas Weitemeyer.

Partner Pernille Nørkær who leads our merger control team secures a top 5 spot in the Individuals League Table, having advised on more than 20 deals in 2018.

Private equity and corporate partner Bjørn Krog Andersen advised on 14 Danish deals, the same number as financing partner Lennart Meyer Østenfeld.

Capital Markets and corporate partner Henning Aasmul-Olsen advised on 12 deals with an impressive combined deal value of EUR 9,038m.

The firm's managing partner Thomas Weitemeyer, who leads our distressed M&A team, advised on 9 deals securing him a shared spot in the top 10 on the Individual League Table 2018 in Denmark.

League Table 2018 Denmark Individual Partners

Rank	Name	Current House	No. of Deals	EUR M
1	Dan Moalem	Moalem Weitemeyer Bendtsen	28	8,600
2	Thomas Weincke	Accura	24	1,455
3	Karsten Pedersen	DLA Piper	24	605
4	Pernille Nørkær	Moalem Weitemeyer Bendtsen	20	49
5	Kristian Klausen	Accura	16	910
6	Bjørn Krog Andersen	Moalem Weitemeyer Bendtsen	14	10
7	Lennart Østenfeld	Moalem Weitemeyer Bendtsen	14	0
8	Henning Aasmul-Olsen	Moalem Weitemeyer Bendtsen	12	9,038
9	Thomas Kraemer	Lundgrens	11	36
10 (shared)	Thomas Weitemeyer	Moalem Weitemeyer Bendtsen	9	51

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5	Johan Winnerblad	Vinge	20	3,814
6	Costin Mihailescu	Baker McKenzie	17	43
7	Kristian Klausen	Accura	16	910
8	Christina Kokko	Vinge	16	627
9	Harald Hellebust	Wiersholm	16	140
10	Bjørn Krog Andersen	Moalem Weitemeyer Bendtsen	14	10
11	Lennart Østenfjeld	Moalem Weitemeyer Bendtsen	14	0
12	Jon Martin Atkinson	Arntzen de Besche	13	195
13	Henning Aasmul-Olsen	Moalem Weitemeyer Bendtsen	12	9,038
14	Jacob Villum	CLP	12	737
15	Christoffer Bjerknæs	Simonsen Vogt Wiig	12	534

Moalem Weitemeyer Bendtsen's associates are also ranked amongst the most active and experienced Danish M&A associates. Seven of our associates are ranked in the top 15, including Poul Guo taking the number one spot having advised on 19 deals.

League Table 2018 Denmark Individual Associates

Rank	Name	Current House	No. of Deals
1	Poul Guo	Moalem Weitemeyer Bendtsen	19
2	Søren Egeberg	DLA Piper	18
3	John Svenson	Accura	17
4	Henning Thomsen	Moalem Weitemeyer Bendtsen	13
5	Martin Søndergaard	Moalem Weitemeyer Bendtsen	13
6	Jonas Bang	Accura	11
7	Martin Sværrer	Plesner	10
8	Tejs Dyrvig Ernst	Bech-Bruun	10
9	Tobias Frost	Moalem Weitemeyer Bendtsen	9
10	Jonas Høst	Moalem Weitemeyer Bendtsen	9
11	Morten Bruun-Larsen	Bech-Bruun	8
12	Jeanette Rasmussen	Moalem Weitemeyer Bendtsen	7
13	Andreas Selzer	Moalem Weitemeyer Bendtsen	7
14	Martin Allan Christensen	Bech-Bruun	7
15	Christian Eichen	Bruun & Hjejle	7

As a firm, Moalem Weitemeyer Bendtsen continues to be a top ranked Danish M&A law firm, both in terms of deal count and deal value. Managing partner Thomas Weitemeyer adds: "We focus on bringing the most experienced lawyers in Denmark before our client. Mergermarket's Individual League Table is a good testament to the fact that we are the home to many of Denmark's most experienced lawyers. Securing this position continues to be a priority of ours".

League Table 2018 Denmark Houses ranked by deal value

Rank	House	EUR M
1	Plesner	15,388
2	Kromann Reumert	13,173
3	DLA Piper	10,337
4	Moalem Weitemeyer Bendtsen	8,610
5	Gorrissen Federspiel	8,485
6	Bruun & Hjejle	7,957
7	Bech-Bruun	3,422
8	Bird & Bird	2,109
9	Accura	1,973
10	Lundgrens	1,705

League Table 2018 Denmark Houses ranked by deal value per fee earner

Rank	House	EUR M	Fee Earners	EUR M per Fee Earner
1	Moalem Weitemeyer Bendtsen	8,610	34	253
2	Bird & Bird	2,020	33	61
3	Plesner	15,306	288	53
4	DLA Piper	10,337	205	50
5	Bruun & Hjejle	7,818	186	42
6	Kromann Reumert	11,060	342	32
7	Gorrissen Federspiel	7,428	309	24
8	Lundgrens	1,705	88	19
9	Accura	1,399	141	10
10	Schjødt	1,399	164	9

To accompany Mergermarket's league table of individual legal advisers in the Nordics, Dan Moalem, chairman and Partner at Moalem Weitemeyer Bendtsen, who ranks as the most prolific legal adviser in 2018, comments on M&A activity in the region.

What are the firm's expansion plans for the next 12 months?

Our firm is dedicated to a manifested "grow slow" strategy, which is independent of the market activity. We focus on hiring the right people, and they do not come in large numbers, so market activity will not influence that.

Which division(s) do you plan to grow?

We do not see any market potential for significant growth, so our size will more or less be the same.

What was the most complex deal you worked on in 2018? And why?

The most complex deal was representing Polaris Private Equity in the carve-out of RelyOn Nutec (formerly Falck Safety Services) from Danish health and safety services company Falck. However, in close competition was representing Triton Partners in its acquisition of Dantaxi, Denmark's largest taxi company – a transaction in a heavily regulated industry which required a lot of legal finesse.

Carve-outs from large corporates, like the RelyOn Nutec one, are always complex commercially, technically and legally. Further, they involve many legal disciplines and jurisdictions, so there are many local particularities that need to be digested and tailored into a combined product that adds value to the client's investment process.

What will be the most significant regulatory changes/issues in the Nordics or in your sector in 2019?

Compliance in the broadest sense possible. Nordic boardrooms will remain focused on business ethics (the look and feel of doing business) and staying many feet away from any grey zones. Regulators will continue to enforce compliance regulation as part of a political focus to restore public confidence and trust in our particular Nordic socio-economic model.

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