

DLA Piper lawyers recognised as Rising Stars in Private Equity by Legal Week



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20 October 2020 – DLA Piper's Private Equity partner Matthieu Lampel (Paris) and senior associate Jesper Lindbom (Stockholm) have been included in Legal Week's 2020 Rising Stars in Private Equity list, a ranking of the best up-and-coming private practice lawyers in the UK and European private equity industry.

Nominees were assessed on the quality of their client base; the scale, significance and complexity of their deals; their client feedback and general market reputation; the standing of their mentor; and any other examples of career success and innovation.

In Matthieu Lampel's profile, Legal Week noted that clients commend his "strong technical skills and deal-driven mindset" and highlighted that in the last 12 months Matthieu has acted on European transactions for major private equity clients including The Carlyle Group and Partners Group.

Jesper Lindbom was praised for being the busiest lawyer in Europe for 2019, having acted on 17 deals across the year (*Mergermarket*). Legal Week also cited his role advising ABRY Partners on their sale of AddSecure to Castik Partners.

This is the second year that DLA Piper has featured in the list. In 2019, London-based partner John Pryor was also listed as Private Equity Rising Star by Legal Week.

DLA Piper has one of the world's leading Private Equity practices and is ranked as the top legal advisor in Europe for overall private equity deal volume, according to Mergermarket's 2019 and H1 2020 league tables. DLA Piper is also the only law firm to rank amongst the top five most active (by global deal volume) for each of private equity, venture capital and M&A (PitchBook). 2019 marked the third consecutive year that DLA Piper achieved this recognition.

Examples of recent work undertaken by DLA Piper's Private Equity team in France and Sweden include advising:

- The Carlyle Group on exclusive negotiations for the acquisition of a majority equity interest in ENVEA.
- Bridgepoint on the acquisition of HTL.
- Montefiore Investment on the acquisition of Valeur & Capital.
- B&B Hotels group's Management on the sale of B&B Hotels to Goldman Sachs.
- Quadrille Capital on the legal, tax and negotiation issues relating to the launch of its new technology venture fund.
- Artemid, BPI France and CM-CIC Private Debt on the unitranche financing of the LBO acquisition of the Efeso Consulting group by Electra Capital.
- Idinvest Partners on the unitranche financing of the LBO acquisition of the Amplitude group by L-Gam.
- Capza on the unitranche financing of the LBO acquisition of the Datawords' group by Keensight Capital.
- Abry Partners on the disposal of its majority interest in AddSecure to funds advised by Castik Capital.
- Equip in connection with the acquisitions of Busfabriken, one of the leading operators of indoor play centres in the Nordics; Bastard Burgers, a rapidly expanding chain of fast-casual burger restaurants; and Holy Greens, a fast-growing chain of salad restaurants in Sweden.
- Abry Partners on its acquisition of DL Software and Cash-in Consulting in Vaasa, Finland and Computer Program Unit in Joensuu, Finland.

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