

A man with a beard, wearing a dark suit, light blue shirt, and dark tie, is smiling and looking at a smartphone he is holding in his right hand. The background is a blurred, futuristic cityscape at night with blue and red lights and bokeh effects. The overall tone is professional and modern.

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# Corporate Highlights 2023

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# Significant year for Geldards Corporate team in 2023

**Geldards Corporate team advised on some major deals in 2023 valued at over half a billion pounds.**

It proved to be another busy and extremely successful year for the team, despite global economic and political uncertainty continuing to impact on M&A transactions as a whole.

The highly skilled Corporate team works across multiple sectors and over the course of the year completed **70 major deals**. From early stage investments, to business disposals with a consideration value of **more than £100m** and high profile transitions of businesses to employee ownership.

With specialist skills and in-depth market knowledge covering sectors including healthcare, technology, pharmaceuticals and food & drink, the team is gearing up for another productive year ahead.

*“Outstanding communication and responsiveness from Geldards throughout the process, including post-close.”*

**Chambers & Partners 2024**

“2023 was another busy year for the team. We have continued to see an active investment market for companies in the technology sector. Looking ahead, we expect the trend of businesses transitioning to Employee Ownership to continue as a favourable succession option. We look forward to helping even more businesses realise their goals in 2024.”

**Andrew Morris , Corporate Partner**

“It’s a real pleasure to help so many businesses achieve their growth ambitions. We relish the relationships we build up with our clients and it’s very satisfying to work closely with businesses of all sizes to help them secure their future.”

**Debra Martin , Corporate Partner**



# 70

major  
transactions

across a broad spectrum of sectors



Market leader in advising

## Employee Ownership Trusts (EOTs)



Substantial sector  
growth in both



Food & Drink  
& Technology

Increasingly acting for  
international clients exploring



M&A  
& Investment



High profile investment deals in the UK & overseas totalling over

# £500,000,000

## 2023 Highlights

# Deal Highlights

In 2023 Geldards Corporate team advised businesses, entrepreneurs and management teams in the UK and internationally on a variety of cross-border acquisitions and disposals, venture capital and private equity investments, and complex group restructuring exercises.

*“The support and guidance which Geldards provided on our acquisition was exceptional.”*

**Mike Boswell, Managing Director of Plastribution Group**

## **Good Food Wines**

### **Shareholder sale**

Advising the shareholders of leading specialist ingredient business Good Food Wines on its sale to Kiril Mischeff Ltd to capitalise on significant revenue synergies.

## **Plastribution Group**

### **Major acquisition**

Advising leading UK plastics raw materials distributor Plastribution Group on the acquisition of thermoplastics sheet supplier Eagle Plastics.

## **Thomas Carroll Group**

### **Transition to Employee Ownership Trust**

Advising South Wales based insurance group on the set up of the new employee ownership structure and all aspects of the transition process. A transfer to employee ownership helped to secure the long term future for Thomas Carroll's 180+ employees. A significant transaction in both the South Wales and UK insurance market.

## **Institutional Funder**

### **Establishing new investment funds**

Advising an institutional funder on establishing two new investment funds, making funds of around £100m available to SMEs throughout the UK.



# The Geldards Team



*“The team provides very responsive, efficient and great quality advice.”*

**Legal 500 2024**

## Practice Heads

Our multi-skilled team brings together lawyers with vast experience in advising businesses and their owners on a wide variety of corporate transactions.



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"It was a pleasure working with Geldards to secure this major investment."

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