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"Geldards offered the full spectrum of legal advice and was a real one-stop shop for the transaction."

Chambers & Partners,
2026

Corporate Highlights 2025

Another successful year of major deals in 2025

Geldards' Corporate team advised on major deals worth well over half a billion pounds in 2025, proving to be another successful year for the firm.

Geldards was named the **most active legal M&A adviser in Wales** by Experian Market IQ in Q1 and H1, bucking the trend in the first half of the year which was widely recognised as having lower levels of activity and less volume of deals due to a cautious economic approach.

Our highly skilled Corporate team completed **45 major deals** across a range of sectors, including several Employee Ownership transitions, early investment finance packages, major international acquisitions and disposals.

The expert team boasts specialist legal experts with in-depth sector knowledge across a diverse range of industries, including healthcare, technology, automotive, pharmaceuticals and food and drink.



"An excellent team that provides responsive, professional, and practical advice"

Legal 500, 2026

Highlights 2025



45 major transactions across diverse sectors



High profile investment deals in UK companies from homegrown and overseas investors totalling over six hundred million pounds



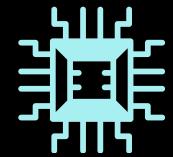
Leading advisor on Employee Ownership Trusts (EOTs) accredited Band 2 in the UK Chambers & Partners



Growth of international investment in M&A opportunities in the UK



Significant growth in the Food and Drink Sector



Increase in Private Equity & VC investment in Technology Sector



Deal Highlights

In 2025 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.

Sale of JDM Food Group

Advised Sunridge Partners on sale of JDM Food Group to Newly Weds Foods.

“Great work on this transaction! You completed in a calm & highly professional manner despite the challenging timescale.”

Hugues Marchand, Sunridge Partners

Sale of XCAM Scientific

Advised Scientific Instruments Ltd on sale to US buyer Tibidabo Scientific industries.

“Geldards supported us throughout the sale, balancing the difficult task of protecting our interests, whilst being pragmatic about achieving a negotiated deal.”

Karen Holland - Scientific Instruments

ITA Group acquisition

Advised global ITA Group on strategic acquisition of C2 Events Ltd.

“Geldards' guidance was clear, constructive and highly collaborative. Their grasp of trustee approvals and employee owned structures gave us confidence.”

Lou Ebinger - ITA Group

MII Engineering transition to EOT

Advised major engineering firm MII Engineering on the transition to an Employee Ownership Trust (EOT).

“Geldards felt part of our team as they guided us expertly through the legal process. I highly recommend their services to any business considering Employee Ownership.”

Matt Moody, MII Engineering

Sale of PJ Fire to CheckFire Group

Advised the shareholders of trade supplier PJ Fire on its sale to CheckFire Group.

“Thanks to Geldards for the robust advice throughout the sale, I can't thank them enough for their commitment and professionalism throughout our journey.”

Peter Cowley - PJ Fire

Euro Commercials acquisition of City West Commercials

Advised Euro Commercials on the acquisition of Mercedes-Benz dealer City West Commercials (CWC).

“Geldards' thorough and practical advice helped us conclude our acquisition. We felt reassured knowing we had the Geldards team behind us every step of the way.”

Jeff Carne - Euro Commercials

Sale of Sharpness Asphalt Ltd to Holcim UK

Advised Sharpness Asphalt Limited on the sale to national industry leader Holcim UK supporting their growth strategy.

CORE transition to EOT

Advised Cardiff-based digital agency CORE on the successful transition to an Employee Ownership Trust (EOT) as an effective means of succession planning.

Enotria & Coe acquisition by Majestic Wine

Advised management team of Enotria & Coe regarding Enotria's formal agreement to be acquired by Majestic Wine to bolster Majestic's presence.

Development Bank of Wales

Advised on high-profile investments, including ATAL acquisition and various portfolio disposals and facilitated the launch of DBW's £40m business succession fund.

Client Quotes

“The advice and work provided by Geldards ensured we were able to complete the deal process smoothly and we’re grateful for their support.”

Scott Hughes - The Development Bank Wales

“Many thanks to Alex and the team at Geldards for their professional advice and wise counsel guiding us through the sale of our business, we are very grateful for their support.”

Colin Loughran, Sharpness Asphalt

“Geldards expert advice on transitioning to employee ownership was invaluable to CORE. Knowing they had helped so many other businesses in our position take the leap into becoming employee owned was extremely reassuring.”

Ceri Richmond, CORE

“From our initial meeting all the way through to the post agreement documentation our EOT was handled in a professional and efficient manner. I would gladly recommend your firm to anyone considering the journey we have made.”

Steve Stefaniuk, Pipe Tool Specialists

The Geldards Team

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

Our Practice Heads

Andrew Morris

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"We were delighted to be named Wales' most active legal M&A adviser in the first half of the year. Our deals activity continued to gain momentum throughout the year, reflecting industry confidence in the investment landscape. We advised on some significant acquisitions and major finance transactions, while the growth in popularity of Employee Ownership Trusts as a valuable succession planning tool continues apace."

"Andrew always delivers exceptional corporate advice tailored to clients' specific needs."

Chambers & Partners 2026

Debra Martin:

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"Debra led with a calm professional and cohesive approach. Her knowledge and insight of this market enabled a really successful outcome."

Client Quote

"We enjoy working closely with our clients to understand exactly how they want to shape the future of their business, it's important to align company values with any plans for growth and progression. Clients consider our Corporate team an integral part of their wider team when weighing up their succession plans and we are honoured to play such an important role."

Key Lawyers



Karl Baranski

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“Karl is really responsive and he is a very reliable, experienced lawyer.”

- Chambers & Partners



Alex Butler

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“Alex is a hard-working corporate lawyer with a focus on results.”

- Chambers & Partners



Jenny Chatten

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“I have always found Jenny to be very professional, yet also very easy and clear to talk with, even when under pressure to conclude a deal.”

- Client Quote



Peter Seary

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“Peter is extremely trustworthy and knowledgeable. He is very pragmatic and one of his best qualities is that he is always prepped to find a solution to different issues.”

- Chambers & Partners



Sarah Bailey

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“Sarah helped with the sale of our business, balancing the difficult task of protecting our interests whilst being pragmatic about achieving a negotiated deal.”

- Client Quote



Manjot Shokar

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“Manjot successfully managed our expectations regarding the timeline for completion and prepared us for all the legal hoops that we would have to jump through before completion.”

- Client Quote



Simon Davers

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“He is always available at any time, not just 9-5, which in our industry is key.”

- Legal 500



Andrew Evans

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"Andrew provides strong tax and commercial advice, which is ideal for the complex area of employee ownership."

- Chambers & Partners



Jamie East

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"A deep understanding of client needs with a personal and professional approach and can respond at very short notice."

- Chambers & Partners

**"Geldards' experience
of EOT transactions
was first class."**

**Chambers & Partners,
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