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"The Geldards team's expertise covers many areas and it has strength in depth."

Chambers & Partners, 2025

Corporate Highlights 2024

A busy 2024 for the Geldards Corporate team

Geldards Corporate team was pleased to advise on numerous major deals in 2024 valued at nearly half a billion pounds.

The team worked on a variety of significant high value transactions in what proved to be a busy and successful year, despite a mixed picture in a marketplace facing economic challenges and political change, all of which impacted on M&A transactions.

The team which boasts highly skilled specialists working across a range of industry sectors completed 59 major deals over the course of the year. From early investment financing packages to business disposals, international acquisitions and businesses transitioning to Employee Ownership.

Geldards Corporate team comprises leading legal experts with in-depth market knowledge of a diverse variety of industry sectors including healthcare, technology, pharmaceuticals and food and drink. The team is looking forward to another productive year ahead.

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Legal 500, 2025

Highlights 2024



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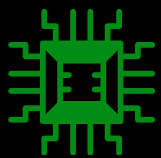
High profile investment deals in UK companies from homegrown and overseas investors totalling **nearly half a billion pounds**



Market leading advisor on **Employee Ownership Trusts (EOTs)** helping businesses embed an "EOT" ownership model



Growth of international clients exploring M&A and investment opportunities in the UK



Increase in **Private Equity & VC investment** in **Technology Sector**



Substantial **growth** in the **Food and Drink Sector**

"We rely on Geldards to navigate us through complex and sophisticated matters and have found its support to be clear, decisive and timely."

Chambers & Partners,
2025



Deal Highlights

In 2024 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.

X-Watch Safety Solutions

Disposal

Advising the shareholders of Cwmbran-based Xwatch Safety Solutions on its sale to international technology leader Leica Geosystem (part of Nasdaq-listed Hexagon group) expanding global reach.

“Geldards no-nonsense approach was refreshing and we would like to thank them for helping us to take this important next step in our growth journey.”

Chris Fitzgerald, Xwatch Safety Solutions Founder

EMB Group

Multiple Acquisitions

Advising research specialist EMB Group on the acquisitions of Blue Marble Research and Qa Research strengthening the company's foothold in the research industry.

“As always, we've been impressed with the Geldards team who were able to work at our pace and support two acquisitions in quick succession.”

Danielle Gillett, EMB Group CEO

Orchard Media

Employee Ownership Trust

Advising Cardiff-based communications agency Orchard Media and Events Group on the successful transition to an Employee Ownership Trust (EOT) as a solution for succession planning.

“We're grateful to Geldards for their specialist EOT knowledge and invaluable support in getting us to this point.”

Al Wilson, Orchard Media Co-Founder & Operations Director

Cardiff Capital Region

Major Investment

Advising Cardiff Capital Region on a £45m finance package to support Welsh telecoms company Spectrum Fibre (Ogi) extending connectivity across South East Wales.

Balthasar

International Sale

Advising the shareholders of industry language specialist Balthasar Ltd on its sale to Trustpoint, one of the largest providers of integrated legal services in America.

Client Quotes

“We were incredibly impressed with Geldards guidance and support. We were always kept in the loop and well-informed every step of the way. We would highly recommend Geldards to any business considering an EOT.”

Mr Dafydd Hardy, MRICS Founder

“This was our first UK acquisition and we felt fully supported throughout. Geldards worked assiduously to complete the transaction in a very tight timeframe and no stone was left unturned.”

Tej Soni, Izmo CEO

“Geldards’ expertise and pro-active approach were invaluable during the course of this acquisition. I would certainly recommend the team at Geldards to anyone thinking of acquiring a business.”

Jeff Carne, Euro Commercials Managing Director

“Thanks to the team at Geldards for their hard work in guiding us through the sale process. We are very grateful to have had them working alongside us throughout. We couldn’t be happier with the outcome.”

Paul Goddard, Hazrem Environmental Director

“Geldards has been brilliant advising us on the EOT process, holding our hand every step of the way and we are delighted they have helped make our plan for the future a reality.”

Tony Reid, Rollstone Founder

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 noticed a significant trend of overseas investors investing in the UK in 2024, some of whom were investing here for the first time and we expect this to continue into 2025 with favourable market conditions. The growth of emerging technologies is another huge expansion area and we watch this sector with interest."

'Andrew Morris is a stand out expert in his field. His reputation is impeccable and he leads his team from the front.'

Legal 500, 2025



"I was extremely impressed by Debra's strong commercial acumen and ability to see a way through."

Client Quote

Debra Martin:

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"Whether we are advising small start-up businesses or major global enterprises, we like to get to know our clients inside out. Helping businesses to find a commercial business solution which aligns with their strategic vision for future growth, and meets their core values is extremely rewarding."



Key Lawyers

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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 Butler is a pleasure to deal with, he has supported a number of complex equity transactions and ensured these completed simply and efficiently."

- Legal 500



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 Seary is a great attorney whose commercial vision is very strong."

- Client Quote



Sarah Bailey

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"Without Sarah's personal commitment and professionalism, I would not have achieved a satisfactory outcome before the deadline."

- 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 which is not a 9-5 business is key."

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Andrew Evans

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"He's approachable and knowledgeable, he finds solutions and he's very pragmatic in his approach."

- **Chambers & Partners**



Paul Feenan

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"Paul's advice and guidance throughout the sale process was excellent."

- **Legal 500**



Stewart Knights

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"A good all-round practice with some highly experienced lawyers."

- **Legal 500**



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"Commercially astute easy to work with and have a can do attitude. they also have depth and a broad multidisciplinary team to fall back on."

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