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Richard Åkerman's practice focuses on corporate and private equity transactions. He frequently provides advice regarding corporate law, governance and transactional matters to corporations and financial sponsors. Richard has also advised many industrial and technology companies in restructuring and insolvency situations. Richard Åkerman is the chairman of Hannes Snellman's board of directors.

REFERENCES

- Counsel to Charles River Laboratories in the acquisition of Scanbur A/S' research model distribution business, 2024
- Counsel to Blåsjön Kraft AB in the sale of Blåsjön Nät AB, 2023
- Counsel to GfK SE in the EUR 315 million sale of its European Consumer Panel business (GfK CP) to YouGov PLC, 2023
- Swedish counsel to Ansys in its acquisition of Automotive Simulation Channel Partner DYNAmore, 2023
- Counsel to the Power Group in establishing its partnership with MediaMarktSaturn, 2023
- Counsel to Nordic Metal Holdings in its acquisition of Alumeco Group, 2022
- Counsel to Transdev Sverige in the divestment of RP Charter to Västanhede Holding, 2022
- Counsel to Sylvamo Corporation in the acquisition of Stora Enso Nymölla Paper AB, which is operating an uncoated freesheet paper mill in Nymölla, Sweden, 2022
- Counsel to Xindao in its acquisition of Vinga Sweden, 2022
- Counsel to Gores Guggenheim, Inc. in its closing of business combination with Polestar, 2022
- Counsel to Fazer Group in its acquisition of Trensums Food, 2021
- Counsel to Charles River in its sale of Cobra Matfors to Flerie Invest, 2021
- Counsel to Gores Guggenheim, Inc. in its proposed business combination with Polestar, 2021
- Swedish Counsel to Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. in the acquisition of Cognate BioServices, Inc., 2021
- Counsel to Altra Industrial Motion in its strategic partnership with MTEK Industry AB, 2021
- Swedish and Finnish counsel to SGS in the acquisition of SYNLAB's Analytics & Services Division, 2020
- Counsel to Transdev Group in the Divestment of Flygbussarna Airport Coaches to Vy, 2019
- Counsel to If P&C Insurance Ltd (publ) in its Acquisition of Viking Redningstjeneste Topco AS, 2019

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- Counsel to Fazer Group in its Divestment of Fazer Food Services, 2019
- Counsel to Ramirent in its acquisition of Stavdal AB to become the leading company in Swedish equipment rental market, 2019
- Counsel to the Sellers of Direct Conversion in a 90% stake acquisition by Varex Imaging, 2019
- Counsel to Kildare Partners in its public tender offer for Technopolis Plc, 2018
- Counsel to Aspo Plc in the acquisition of AtoB@C Shipping AB, 2018
- Counsel to Asiakastiето Group Plc in its acquisition of UC AB in Sweden, 2018
- Counsel to Fazer Group in the Acquisition of Froosh, 2017
- Counsel to Wärtsilä Corporation in its agreement to acquire Puregas Solutions AB, 2017
- Counsel to DUAL Co., Ltd. in its acquisition of 95% stake in Borgstena Group Sweden, 2017
- Counsel to Intrum Justitia in connection with the combination with Lindorff, 2016
- Counsel to Valedo on its divestment of Akademikliniken, 2016
- Counsel to Oy Karl Fazer AB in its acquisition of Frebaco, 2016
- Counsel to the managers and directors of Oak & Oak AB in the sale of Ekelöw InfoSecurity AB to PwC Sweden, 2016
- Counsel to Discovery Networks Sweden in the creation of the Airtime JV, 2016
- Counsel to Sensys Traffic on the acquisition of Gatso Beheer B.V., 2015
- Counsel to TeliaSonera in its USD 115 million investment in Spotify, 2015
- Counsel to the the Nordgren/Pihl family in connection to FAM's investment in Nefab, 2015
- Counsel to NEP Group Inc. in its acquisition of Mediatec Group, 2015
- Counsel to Novax in its acquisition of Latour's entire shareholding in Academic Work, 2015

RANKINGS

- Ranked in Chambers and Partners Europe 2024
- Ranked in Chambers and Partners Global 2024
- "Richard Åkerman is known for advising domestic and international companies on acquisitions and strategic partnership agreements within the insurance and technology sectors.", Corporate/ M&A, Chambers Global and Europe, 2023
- Ranked as Highly regarded lawyer, Private Equity, IFLR1000, 2022
- "Good network and experience in several areas, and he is also easy to work with." Corporate/M&A, Chambers Global, 2022
- Ranked among the 2021 Top DeSPAC Lawyers in EMEA, 2021 Top M&A Lawyers in Nordics, 2021 Top M&A Lawyers in EMEA, and 2021 Top Private Equity Lawyers in EMEA by MergerLinks, 2021
- 'One client says: "Richard Åkerman builds his advice and communication on trust. He is very solid in all aspects of M&A and it is always a pleasure to work with him."', Commercial, Corporate and M&A, Legal 500, 2021
- 'Described as "knowledgeable, pragmatic and results-oriented"', Corporate/M&A, Chambers Global and Chambers Europe, 2021
- "Assists a broad range of clientele with public and private M&A." Corporate/M&A, Chambers Global and Chambers Europe, 2020
- Ranked as Highly regarded lawyer, Private Equity, IFLR1000, 2020
- Recommended in Corporate/M&A, Legal 500, 2019
- Ranked as Highly regarded lawyer, Private Equity, IFLR1000, 2019
- "A respected lawyer in the market, Richard Åkerman advises clients on a broad range of M&A mandates and has recent experience assisting clients from the food and pharmaceutical industries.", Chambers Global and Chambers Europe, 2018
- Ranked as Highly regarded lawyer, Corporate/M&A, Private Equity, IFLR1000, 2018
- "Truly professional.", Commercial, Corporate/M&A, Legal 500, 2017

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- 'One client says: "He is not only a very experienced M&A lawyer, but he is very business-oriented and understands which matters to focus on", also appreciating that he is "very pleasant to work with and has great social skills."', Corporate/M&A, Chambers Europe, 2017
- Ranked as Leading lawyer, Private Equity, IFLR1000, 2017
- "Richard Åkerman heads the firm's private M&A practice. He is recommended for his transactional experience, particularly in the information and communications technology sectors.", Corporate/M&A, Chambers Global 2016 and Chambers Europe 2016
- 'Richard Åkerman is "to the point in his advice and focused on the deal fundamentals."', Corporate/M&A, Chambers Global and Chambers Europe, 2015

MEMBERSHIPS AND POSITIONS OF TRUST

- Member of the Swedish Bar Association

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Partner, Hannes Snellman, Stockholm, 2008
- Managing Partner, Hannes Snellman, Stockholm, 2012-2015
- Managing Partner, Setterwalls, 2002 – 2004
- Partner, Setterwalls, 2000 – 2008
- Associate Lawyer, Advokatfirman Hammarstiöck & Co., 1998 – 2000
- Associate Lawyer, Lagerlöf & Leman Advokatbyrå, 1995 – 1998
- LL.M., Columbia University School of Law, New York, 1994
- Service with Swedish Courts, 1991 – 1993
- Jur. kand. (LL.M.), Stockholm University, 1991

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