



## Olivier Deren

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**Olivier Deren** is a partner in the Corporate Department of the Paris office of Paul Hastings. His practice focuses on private equity and on mergers and acquisitions. Recognized as a leading private equity lawyer in France by Chambers Europe (Band 1), Olivier Deren advises private equity funds and managers on their leveraged buyouts and capital development transactions as well as companies on their growth strategies or reorganizations.

### Recent Representations

- Advising Keensight Capital in connection with the LBOs of Sogelink, Smile, Geodesial, Biovian, 3P Biopharmaceuticals Groups and in connection with its investment in ASTI Mobile Robotics.
- Advising Equistone Partners Europe in connection with the LBOs of Vulcain Ingenierie and Wallenborn Groups and in connection with the disposals of its majority stake in Linxis Group (formerly Bretèche Group) to IK Investment Partners and of Unither to Ardian.
- Advising Amundi Private Equity and Bpifrance in connection with the LBO of Wifirst.
- Advising 21 Invest in connection with the LBO of FMA Assurances and in connection with the disposal of Skill & You Group to Andera Partners.
- Advising Andera Partners – ActoMezz, Tikehau and Bpifrance in connection with the LBO of Ellisphère.
- Advising Andera Partners in connection with its investment in Minafin Group and in connection with the acquisition of ActoMezz funds.
- Advising B & Capital in connection with the LBOs of HR Team Group and of Stelium Technology Group.
- Advising Qualium Investissement in connection with the LBOs of Labelium and IMV Groups and in connection with the sale of Mériquet Group to Raise, IDI and Tikehau Capital.
- Advising Meeschaert Capital Partners in connection with the LBO of Aterno Group.

### Paris

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### Practice Areas

Mergers and Acquisitions  
Impact and Sustainability  
Private Equity  
Europe  
Corporate

### Admissions

Paris

### Languages

French

### Education

Institut d'etudes politiques de Paris (Sciences Po), Diplome 1987  
Universite Paris II: Pantheon Assas, LL.M. 1990

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- Advising Sofidy and its shareholders in connection with the sale of Sofidy to Tikehau Capital.
- Advising the shareholders of Aries Alliance Group in connection with the LBO of Aries Alliance Group structured by Astorg Asset Management.
- Advising MML Capital in connection with the LBO of Gravotech Group.
- Advising the shareholders of Circet in connection with the sale of Circet Group to Advent.
- Advising Eurazeo in connection with the acquisition by Nexans of a minority interest in IES.
- Advising the majority shareholders and NextStage in connection the sale of Greenflex to Total.
- Advising the majority shareholder in connection with the share capital's reorganization of Carso Group.
- Advising Argos Wityu in connection with the sale of Lexsi to Orange.
- Advising the Management of Sicame in connection with the LBO structured by Equistone.
- Advising Giat Industries / Nexter in connection with the merger between Nexter and KMW.

### **Accolades and Recognitions**

- Ranked in Band 1 by Chambers Europe as one of the leading private equity lawyers in France
- Nominated in 2017 as the private equity lawyer of the year by Option Droit et Affaires
- Ranked in Band 1 in the ranking published for mid-cap LBOs by Décideurs Stratégie Finance Droit
- Award of "private equity law firm of the year" during the "Grands Prix de Private Equity Magazine" 2013 and 2016

### **Speaking Engagements and Publications**

- Lecturer on business law at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Institute of Political Science - Sciences Po) of Paris for eight years.
- Seminar on the structuring of LBOs at the Magistère de Juriste d'Affaires of the University of Paris Panthéon-Assas (between 2008 and 2018).
- Author of several articles on private equity issues and, more generally, on various legal topics relating to mergers and acquisitions.

### **Professional and Community Involvement**

- Member of the Paris Bar

### **Education**

## Olivier Deren (Continued)

- Institute of Political Science (Institut d'Etudes Politiques) of Paris, 1987
- University of Paris II, Master's Degree in law, 1990 (with honors)

### News

#### **December 12, 2019**

Keensight Capital Acquire Majority Stake in Sogelink

#### **October 14, 2019**

Amundi, BPI France, and Socadif Invest in Wifirst

#### **October 10, 2019**

Keensight Capital Acquires Majority Stake in Smile

#### **October 01, 2019**

Keensight Capital Invests in Geodesial

#### **March 12, 2019**

Olivier Vermeulen Appointed Chair of Paul Hastings' Paris Office

#### **February 06, 2019**

Keensight Capital Invests in ASTI Mobile Robotics

#### **November 01, 2018**

Aries Alliance Announces LBO Structured by Astorg Asset Management

#### **September 26, 2018**

Equistone Partners Europe Invests in Wallenborn Transports Group

#### **August 30, 2018**

Skill & You Acquired by Andera Partners

#### **May 02, 2018**

Advent International Acquires French Telecoms Infrastructure Provider Circet Group

#### **February 20, 2018**

Qualium Investissement Invests in Labelium Group

#### **October 30, 2017**

Greenflex Acquired by Total Energy Services

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**October 27, 2017**

Keensight Capital and Turenne Capital Reinvest in Menix Group Alongside Five Arrows Principal Investments

**October 16, 2017**

Equistone Partners Europe Sells Majority Stake in Linxis Group to IK Investment Partners

**September 29, 2017**

Societe Generale Subsidiary ALD Acquires BBVA Autorenting

**November 28, 2016**

Equistone Transfers Control of Unither Pharmaceuticals to Ardian

**May 12, 2016**

Keensight Capital Undertakes Complex German Acquisition and Subsequent Italian Merger

**January 15, 2016**

Paul Hastings Expands in Paris with Addition of Leading Leveraged Finance Partner Olivier Vermeulen

**September 14, 2015**

Paul Hastings Continues Paris Office Expansion with Addition of Regulatory and Energy Partner Sylvain Bergès

**July 29, 2015**

France's Nexter Systems Merges with Germany's KMW

**July 25, 2013**

Paul Hastings Advises Qualium Investissement in connection with its OBO for Mèriguet

**March 15, 2013**

Paul Hastings Represents Equistone and Céréa Capital in Acquiring Majority Ownership of Groupe Bretèche Industrie

**January 28, 2013**

Paul Hastings European Corporate Practice Builds on Recent Additions with M&A and Capital Markets Partner in Paris

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**January 11, 2013**

Paul Hastings Represents TCR Capital and the Management of Editions Oberthur in connection with the Secondary LBO Structured by 21 Centrale Partners

**December 18, 2012**

Paul Hastings Represents Managers For La Fée Maraboutée in Connection With Secondary LBO

**December 07, 2012**

Paul Hastings Represents Ergalis in Acquisition of Aura Staffing

**May 09, 2012**

Olivier Deren Appointed Chair of the Paul Hastings Paris Office

**September 13, 2011**

Paul Hastings Advises Crédit Agricole Private Equity on the LBO of SVP Group

**June 03, 2011**

Paul Hastings Advises R Capital and Paris Orléans on MBO of FircoSoft

## Insights

**May 16, 2014**

What is the outlook for the French private equity market in 2014?

**May 16, 2013**

The French Private Equity Market