

## **Audon Partners has been awarded “Corporate Finance advisor of the Year 2009 -Denmark”**



Audon Partners has been awarded the distinction “Corporate Finance advisor of the Year 2009 – Denmark” through the annual poll among professional industry players in the internationally recognized magazine ACQ Finance. More than 3,000 professionals voted. The award is considered to be one of the most prestigious of its kind, as it is obtained through voting among the industry’s own players.

Charlotte Abbott from ACQ Finance says: *“Audon Partners has been given this award in recognition of the results obtained by the company throughout the year on behalf of its clients, and of the expertise and experience that Audon Partners possesses. The award has been obtained on the basis of several significant and complex transactions, which Audon Partners has successfully closed during the past year”.* These include among others:

- The sale of **ILVA** – Denmark’s second largest home furnishings retail chain – to IDesign, which also owns **IDEmøbler**. The Danish private equity fund **Axcel** is the majority shareholder in IDesign. The transaction comprised the sale of ILVA’s activities and stores in Denmark and Sweden. Audon Partners advised the sellers.
- The acquisition of **Baby-Sam** – Denmark’s largest retail chain within baby equipment comprising 31 stores and 12 owners. The Baby-Sam chain was acquired jointly by two private equity funds, Danish **Polaris Private Equity** and Northern Europe based **AAC Capital Partners**, in what has been characterized as one the most complex transactions ever closed in Denmark.
- The sale of the Scandinavian market leader within fastener products and fastening techniques, **Arvid Nilsson A/S**, to the German **Würth Group**, the world’s largest trading company within fastening and assembling techniques.

The owner of Arvid Nilsson A/S was the Arvid Nilsson Foundation. Audon Partners advised the seller.

*“Furthermore, the award has been given in recognition of the outstanding quality level, which has characterized Audon Partners throughout the company’s long-standing business history”,* says Charlotte Abbott.

Being in the business for more than 30 years, Audon Partners is one of Denmark’s most experienced M&A advisors. *“As we at the same time are elected the best Danish advisor is a great honor for us and an affirmation that we are able to meet the strict professional demands placed upon us”,* says Jonas P. Knudsen, Partner in Audon Partners.

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