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Joined Firm: 2018

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Practice Areas

Banking and Finance; Financial Regulatory and Compliance; Capital Markets; Corporate and Commercial

Recognitions

- Rising star by IFLR1000 in 2025

Career and qualifications

Waselius Attorneys, Senior Associate 2022-; Secondment at Advokatfirman Hammarskiöld & Co (Stockholm, Sweden) 2022; Waselius Attorneys, Associate 2018-2021.

Education: University of Helsinki, LL.M. 2018

Selected experience

- Advised LocalTapiola Finance on the EUR 400 million public securitisation of a portfolio of auto HP contracts;
- Advised Permira and CABB on EUR 705 Million Bond Offering and Revolving Credit Facility;
- Advising Pliant in the strategic partnership with VVRB expanding refinancing capacity to EUR 200 million;
- Advised First Quantum Minerals in the largest mining high yield deal of the decade globally;
- Advised the lenders and the initial purchasers in the USD 6.1 billion refinancing of Howden Group with combined notes and loans;
- Financing of the acquisition of Nomentia group;
- Refinancing of CABB Chemicals with EUR 670 million Senior Notes offering;
- Financing of the acquisition of Rantalainen group;
- Financing of the acquisition of Pinja group;
- Financing of Jervois Finland;
- Financing of the acquisition of Infinigate group;
- Refinancing of Questback Group;
- Financing of the acquisition by Nordic Capital of Sortera Group;
- Sale and leaseback of Airbus A350-941 Aircraft;
- Advised Hg Capital and Visma in the sale of ownership interests in Visma;
- Advised EstateGuru in its authorisation as a crowdfunding intermediary;
- Financing of the acquisition of Analyste by OpusCapita;
- Sale and leaseback of Airbus A350 Aircraft;
- Venator issues USD 225 million Senior Secured Notes;

- Refinancing of Loimua;
- Sale of Aviator to Avia Solutions Group;
- Financing of AXA's real estate portfolios;
- Acquisition of Gasmet Technologies Oy by Nederman Holding AB (publ.);
- Purchase of three Embraer E190 aircraft;
- Refinancing of CABB Chemicals with EUR 640 million Senior Secured and Unsecured Notes offering;
- Lease of aircraft engines;
- Financing of the acquisition of Elenia Heat;
- Refinancing of Technopolis;
- Acquisition by Loram of Roadscanners' Rail Division business;
- Acquisition of Pro Lift Oy by Joab group;
- Acquisition of VR Track by NRC Group;
- Sale of Maksuturva to Svea Ekonomi;
- Acquisition of Solita by Apax;

Member

Finnish Bar Association (2022-)

Recent publications

- Lexology Panoramic: Loans & Secured Financing 2027 – Finland
- Chambers Fintech Guide 2026 – Finland
- Chambers Global Practice Guide: Private Credit 2026 – Finland
- Lexology Panoramic: Loans & Secured Financing 2026 – Finland
- Lexology Panoramic: Financial Services Compliance 2025 – Finland
- Finland moves on with implementation of NPL Directive
- Lexology GTDT – Financial Services Compliance 2024 – Finland
- Lexology GTDT – Loans & Secured Financing 2024 – Finland
- The Legal 500: Lending & Secured Finance Country Comparative Guide
- Structured finance and securitisation in Finland: overview