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Practice Areas

Private Equity; Mergers and Acquisitions; Fund Formation and Investments; Aviation

Niko advises clients on private M&A, venture capital, and growth equity transactions, both domestic and cross-border. He also has extensive experience in complex corporate law matters. In addition, Niko advises on fund formation, corporate governance, regulatory matters, including financial regulation, as well as aviation transactions.

Career and qualifications

Waselius Attorneys, Partner 2026-; Waselius Attorneys, Associate (2016-2025); Trainee in a leading Finnish law firm (2011–2014); Legal Trainee at Amer Sports Corporation (2013)

Education: University of Turku, LL.M. 2015

Selected experience

- Sale of Spectacular AI to BAE Systems;
- Acquisition by Safeplast of spirals business from Hassinen Veljekset;
- Acquisition by Allison Transmission of Dana's Off-Highway Business;
- Acquisition by First Nordic Metals of Mawson Finland Limited;
- Advised MarshallAI on the growth investment by Bittium Plc;
- Advised THEON on its investment in Varjo;
- Sale of Aitoenergia to Geonova;
- Advised FOV Ventures on its investment in spogen.ai;
- Acquisition by Hedin Mobility Group of Ford's import and distribution operations in Finland;
- Advised angel investor syndicate in its investment in Dobbelgänger Oy;
- Sale by Dovre Group of Project Personnel and Norwegian consulting businesses to NYAB;
- Advised Business Finland's Angel CoFund in its investment in Coiniverse;
- Advised UB Forest Industry Green Growth Fund I LP and ALTANA in their investment in Nordtreat Group Oy;
- Acquisition by MABI Mobility AB of Scandia Rent;
- Advised the Finnish Ministry of Transport and Communications in the transformation of Finnish Rail Ltd into Airport Line Ltd;
- Acquisition by WiseTech Global of Aktiv Data Oy;
- Acquisition by AcadeMedia of Touhula Päiväkodit;
- Acquisition by CMA CGM of Bolloré Logistics;
- Advised Vapo Terra Oy in sale of pellet factory;

- Visma increases its international growth through changes in its shareholder base;
- Acquisition by Hedin Mobility Group of Iveco Group's distribution and retail operations in the Nordics;
- Acquisition by Efecte Plc of Sysart Oy's Requeste business;
- Represented Hedin Automotive in the acquisition of Delta Auto;
- Sale of Visma's IT consulting business to CVC Capital Partners Fund VIII;
- Acquisition by Eitrium of Ab Keymet Oy;
- Acquisition by Caplugs of Safeplast Oy;
- Sale by CCR S.A of Quicko to MaaS Global;
- Joint Venture between Neova Oy and Lassila & Tikanoja Plc;
- Acquisition by Storytel of the Finnish publishing house Aula & Co.;
- Acquisition by NCS of the thermo road business of DSV;
- Advised Hg Capital and Visma in the sale of ownership interests in Visma;
- Acquisition by One.com of Zoner Oy;
- Sale and leaseback of Airbus A350 Aircraft;
- Refinancing of Loimua;
- Advised Winance in connection with a convertible note facility to Valoe Corporation;
- Sale of Aviator to Avia Solutions Group;
- Advised Winance in connection with a bridge loan to Valoe Corporation;
- Advised AMC Networks in connection with the rights offering of Next Games;
- Financing of the acquisition of Elenia Heat;
- Acquisition by Secto Automotive of OP Kulku;
- Acquisition of Runtech Systems Oy by Gardner Denver Holdings Inc.;
- Acquisition of Skaala by IFN Group;
- Neste Corporation EUR 400 million notes listed on NASDAQ Helsinki;
- Acquisition of Tamrotor Kompressorit Oy by Gardner Denver;
- Investment by Delos Living LLC in NaturVention Oy (Naava);
- Acquisition of Staples' European Business by Cerberus Capital Management;

Member

Finnish Bar Association (2020), Association of Finnish Lawyers

Recent publications

- Lexology Private M&A 2027
- Legal 500: Venture Capital Guide – Finland
- Private Mergers and Acquisitions Global Guide – Finland
- Energy & Infrastructure M&A 2025 – Finland
- Chambers Private Equity Guide 2025 – Finland
- Private Mergers and Acquisitions in Finland: Overview
- Private Equity 2023 Q&A Guide – Finland
- Lexology GTDT Private M&A 2023
- Lexology - Getting The Deal Through - Private M&A 2022 - Finland
- Private Equity 2021 – Finland?
- Initial Public Offerings 2020?Finland