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PRACTICE AND EXPERIENCE

Johan advises clients in the field of taxation, focusing on Finnish and internationally located families, business owners, and entrepreneurs, as well as their investments and holding vehicles.

RECENT REFERENCES

- > Counsel to Mikael Swanljung and his family in the sale of majority ownership in Picnic Company Group
- > Counsel to Ahlstrom in the combination of Ahlstrom and Munksjö through a merger
- > Counsel to Powerflute Oyj in the recommended cash offer for Powerflute by Nordic Packaging and Container (Finland) Holdings Oy, an affiliate of Madison Dearborn Partners, LLC
- > Counsel to SoftBank and its affiliates in the sale of their entire 72.2% stake in Supercell, a Finnish leading mobile game maker, to Tencent, a Chinese internet company, in a transaction valuing Supercell's equity at USD 10.2 billion
- > Counsel to Patria and its shareholder in the sale of 49.9% of the shares in Patria Oyj to Kongsberg Defence & Aerospace AS
- > Counsel to Veolia in a JV with Neste and Borealis to build a new combined heat and power plant and to produce and supply steam and other utilities to Neste's refinery and Borealis' petrochemical plant in Porvoo, Finland
- > Counsel to Faron Pharmaceuticals Ltd in its IPO and listing on the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange as well as in the preceding fundraising of approximately GBP 10 million
- > Counsel to Alma Media Corporation in the exchange offer for the shares and options in Talentum Oyj. The exchange offer included both share and cash components and the total value of the offer amounted to EUR 42.7 million
- > Finnish counsel to SoftBank in the acquisition of an additional 22.7% stake in Supercell, a Finnish online gaming company
- > Counsel to Trimble Finland Oy in its acquisition of Fifth Element Oy from the key employees and investors of Fifth Element Oy
- > Counsel to Valmet Plc in its acquisition of the process automation systems business from Metso Plc
- > Counsel in legal proceedings before the Finnish Supreme Administrative Court leading to a ruling whereby the Finnish tax authorities were not entitled to retrospectively impose additional taxes on companies by re-characterising legal transactions without relevant mandate given under Finnish domestic tax law*

- > Counsel in a Central Tax Board case resolving the appropriate consolidation level indicated in the safe haven rule of the new Finnish interest deduction limitations (earnings stripping)*
- > Counsel in legal proceedings before the Helsinki Administrative Court confirming an earlier Supreme Administrative Court decision whereby transfer taxes are not payable on the termination of share options*

(*=references from prior to joining Hannes Snellman)

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- > Senior Associate, Hannes Snellman 2019 –
- > Legal Counsel, Luxembourg-based life assurance company, 2016 - 2019
- > Senior Associate, Hannes Snellman, 2015 - 2016
- > KPMG Oy Ab, 2011 - 2015
- > Master of Laws, University of Helsinki, 2011