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Bird & Bird is an integrated international law firm, with a rare and invaluable grasp of strategic commercial issues. We combine exceptional legal expertise with deep industry knowledge and refreshingly creative thinking. We have over 1300 lawyers in 29 offices across Europe, the Middle East and Asia-Pacific. We have a strong Nordic presence with a team of almost 250 working from our offices in Finland, Sweden and Denmark. We currently employ over 95 legal and client service professionals in our Helsinki office.

We are now looking for a Junior Associate to join our Corporate team in Helsinki

We are looking for a Junior Associate to join our ambitious and growing Corporate Group in Helsinki. Our Corporate Group offers a full range of specialist corporate legal services including M&A (public and private), equity capital markets, private equity/venture capital and joint ventures. We offer the full remit of corporate expertise to a wide range of clients from technology-focused start-ups to established multinational blue chips, on an array of domestic and international transactions.

Duties and responsibilities

The post holder will advise on a broad range of corporate transactions and company law including: M&A (public and private), equity capital markets, private equity/venture capital and joint ventures. Our associates can expect to get involved in all of these areas rather than being asked to focus directly on one of them. All of our work in corporate has a strong link to our key sectors to ensure that our clients receive legal advice relevant to their industry, such as technology and communications, IT, life sciences and retail and consumer. In addition, much of our work is cross-border and there is a great opportunity to work with many of our other 29 offices. Finally, you can expect a good deal of responsibility: we encourage junior associates to learn to run deals where possible, with appropriate supervision, and engage in meaningful client contact.

Skills and attributes

Our ideal candidate has 1-2 years of experience working in the field of M&A or corporate law. Candidates will need to be highly motivated and keen to take responsibility. We are looking for lawyers who are technically excellent and with the ability to apply their legal skills in a practical way. We also accept applications from less experienced candidates, presuming that you can convince us of your motivation and capabilities.

The successful candidate will have or is able to demonstrate:

- Experience of handling corporate transactions gained within a business law firm or other comparable environment and at an appropriate level.
- A desire to be working for a truly international firm.
- Interest in working in a challenging, team-based environment.
- Flexibility, supporting a broad range of corporate transactions.
- Knowledge of key areas of the law by providing clear, precise, practical advice.
- The ability to liaise effectively with other lawyers from within the group, but also to liaise and coordinate with lawyers from other relevant practice groups as required is a prerequisite.
- The willingness and ability to support business development activity.
- Fluency in Finnish and English with Swedish being a plus.

What we offer you?

We offer our employees cohesive, supportive and professional working environment. Bird & Bird offers excellent prospects for progression and our culture provides all our people with support to achieve their ambitions and goals. Learning and development is central to our strategy, and our commitment to you: we encourage you to further develop your legal, business and interpersonal skills through continuous training and mentoring. We support an agile working environment and flexible working, eg. remote work.

Did we capture your interest?

Send your application by 12th of December through Paragraaffi's recruitment portal (click here).

If you have any questions you can contact Paragraaffi's HR-Specialist Janne Koskenniemi, tel. +358 40 776 8650 or by email janne.koskenniemi@paragraaffi.fi on weekdays between 10.00-14.00.