

GERADIN PARTNERS OPENS HELSINKI OFFICE WITH A TEAM OF LEADING COMPETITION LAW AND REGULATORY LAWYERS

Mikko Alkio, Christian Wik, Lasse Nordström and a team of associates and advisors will open Geradin Partners' Helsinki office on 1 October 2024. The Helsinki team's aim is to create a top notch competition, technology and regulatory team.

Geradin Partners, a leading pan-European law firm, has existing offices in Brussels, London, Amsterdam and Paris, particularly well-known for its work on the competition law and digital markets areas. Geradin Partners is rapidly growing and this will be the firm's fifth office and the third new opening in 2024.

Mikko Alkio is one of the leading competition law experts in Finland. He has broad experience within competition law, including state aid and several sector-specific fields. Over the past few years, Mikko has been working especially with clients in the technology, media, healthcare, food, energy, gambling, banking and insurance sectors. Together with general competition law and foreign investment regulation issues, he advises clients in many regulatory, public sector and public law related matters and has authored also several related books.

Christian Wik has nearly four decades of experience in practicing competition law at leading law firms in Finland and the EU. He started and led the practice as a partner at Roschier for about three decades until recently.

Lasse Nordström has a decade of experience in complex state aid, competition law and regulated industries related matters.

Damien Geradin, the founder of Geradin Partners, said that opening a Helsinki office is an attractive step for the firm:

"Finland hosts many leading corporations in the industries that we target, and Mikko, Christian and Lasse are perfect hires because they are not only great lawyers, but they also share our values and ambitions. Helsinki will also be our Nordic hub as we are also planning to work with international companies in the broader region."

Mikko Alkio comments:

"It has been already an amazing 17-year journey at Roschier and Avance, which are top Finnish law firms. But joining Geradin Partners is a tremendous opportunity to further grow this practice and to offer Finnish and international clients access to a high-end competition law practice."

"We have high ambitions. We join a firm of true top competition law experts in Europe. We will work hard to serve our clients with the best possible competence and build an exceptional bridge to Finnish clients to the capitals of Europe. The concept is unique in the Finnish legal market."

"I am also happy that Lasse, the next generation competition law star joins us at Geradin Partners. The last 10 years we have together advised clients in multiple complicated proceedings and investigations. I am grateful that our joint path will continue at Geradin Partners."

Christian Wik observes:

“When being asked to join Geradin Partners, the decision was easy for me and I’m very excited about this opportunity. For a long time, I have wished to see a devoted pan-European group of experts in this field on the legal market. Geradin Partners is exactly that and the first of its kind, offering seamless pan-European expertise in competition law and related litigation as well as regulatory and sector specific matters.”

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