



Catella strengthens its Finnish corporate finance activities as part of an integrated pan-Nordic strategy

In order to strengthen its Finnish activities within value-added and capital markets-related services in the property sector, Catella has appointed Antti Louko to head its Finnish operations and to establish a new corporate finance unit in Helsinki.

Antti Louko will join Catella as managing director of Catella Property Oy and head of the new corporate finance unit, from November 2016. Antti has extensive experience from real estate related transactions and corporate finance in the Finnish market working with leading Companies.

“We are truly happy to welcome Antti back to Catella. Antti will be important in strengthening our presence in Finland, a market experiencing increasing activity levels and increased international cross-border activity. We also warmly welcome Antti to our Nordic team, where he will take an important role in our determined strategy of further integration of our pan-Nordic corporate finance activities,” says Jesper Bo Hansen, head of the business area Corporate Finance at Catella.

Antti Louko joins Catella from a role as head of real estate at Advium Corporate Finance Oy. For the past approximately 7 years Antti has headed the real estate team of Advium Corporate Finance Oy, which has consistently been market leader in major real estate transactions and real estate-related M&As in Finland. In addition to Advium, Antti has previously worked as the director responsible for transactions at SRV Group, and at Aberdeen Property Investors. Antti has also previous experience from Catella, where he started his career in real estate advisory in the early 2000s. During his career, Antti has been involved in real estate-related transactions worth several billions, including a large part of the biggest transactions carried out in Finland during the past decade.

“Investing in strengthening our activities in Finland is an important step in our strategic efforts to secure a true leading position in the property sector across the Nordic region. We will increase our capacity within value-added and capital markets-related services, in line with our strategy for our Nordic and European corporate finance activities,” says Jesper Bo Hansen.

“Catella has for many years been consistently named by Euromoney as the leading overall real estate advisor in Finland. The present managing director of the Finnish operations, Erkki Hakala, has been an important driver in our decision to strengthen our corporate finance activities in Finland. Erkki will continue as managing director until November 2016, and will remain in a key position within Catella thereafter,” says Jesper Bo Hansen.

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