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Johannes is a transaction lawyer focusing on M&A and private equity transactions and has been involved in numerous domestic and cross-border transactions acting for both private equity sponsors and industrial clients. In addition, he has advised clients, for example, in ownership and equity structuring related to various infrastructure projects. Clients appreciate his ability to seek hands-on solutions to complicated problems. "He understands the deal-making dynamics and has the ability to find solutions instead of problems", as was quoted by one of our clients.

He regularly lectures on topics relating to mergers and acquisitions and private equity. Prior to joining Borenius, Johannes was a partner with another major Finnish law firm.

Johannes is currently on sabbatical leave.

## Rankings

#### **Chambers Europe & Global**

• M&A

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"He is a highly experienced lawyer who it is easy to work with." "He forms a strong partnership with the client where he not only advises on legal technicalities but also adds value as an experienced support for decision-making." "Very strategic, thorough, systematic, calm and pragmatic."

"Customer-oriented lawyer who has a good attitude, wide-ranging knowledge and is target-focused."

#### The Legal 500

• Commercial, Corporate & M&A

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"Has been an excellent contributor for years and is perceived more as a trusted adviser than a legal counsel."

"Johannes Piha is fantastic in combining broad experience and expertise with down-toearth, very flexible approach and sparring."

#### IFLR1000

• M&A

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"Very competent and experienced, e.g. with M&A activities. Keeps promises and timelines very well. Has a good network."

"Seasoned professional. Knows every trick of the trade. Gives clear recommendations." "He is strong at managing complex situations requiring a wide range of expertise. It always feels like he is up to speed in terms of progress and links between different workstreams. His availability is also excellent."

### **Selected References**

- Advised OP Financial Group in the merger mobile wallets of Pivo (OP Financial Group), MobilePay (owned by Danske Bank) and the Norwegian Vipps.
- Advised Raisio Plc in its acquisition of Verso Food.
- Advised Harvia Plc in its acquisition of the German EOS Group.
- Advised Ponsse Plc in its acquisition of Krenek Forest Service in the Czech Republic.
- Advised Liesheng on the acquisition of Suunto from Amer Sports.
- Advised private equity sponsor CapMan on the acquisition of Harvia Oy, one of the world's leading companies in the sauna industry.
- Advised HMD Global on a USD 100 million financing round.
- Advised Coronaria in the sale of Coronaria Hoiva to Humana AB (Publ.).
- Advised private equity sponsor Adelis Equity Partners on the sale of Med Group.
- Advised Suomen Luotto-osuuskunta on the sale of Luottokunta Oy for EUR 170 million to Nets.\*

\* The transaction was carried out prior to joining Borenius.

## Career

- Partner, Borenius, 2013-
- Partner, Castrén & Snellman, 2011–2012
- Associate, Castrén & Snellman, 2006–2011
- Associate, Borenius, 2003–2006

## Education

- Bar Admission, 2006
- Master of Laws, University of Turku, 2001

## Languages

• Finnish, English, Swedish