

Busy start to 2021 for corporate deals activity in the Nordics



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Our Corporate M&A team has had a very strong start of the year, and tops the list for number of M&A deals completed in the first quarter of 2021 in the Nordics, according to the latest legal advisor league tables released by *Mergermarket*.

Our M&A lawyers in Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden have so far this year been involved in 59 transactions, which is 74% more than during the first quarter in 2020. <u>Ilkka Liljeroos</u>, Partner in Helsinki and Head of Corporate in the Nordics, comments:

"We are very pleased with the deal volume during the first quarter across the Nordic region. Our clients have continued to be active on the transaction front, which has kept our team busy.

Also, the second quarter looks strong and we expect a steady deal flow - we are currently involved in a number of significant transactions covering several sectors. Our pan-Nordic offering has been well received by the market. We believe our clients benefit from our unique position in the region with offices in Aarhus, Copenhagen, Helsinki, Oslo and Stockholm, allowing us to put the best team in place for each case. We have years of experience in working daily in cross-Nordic teams enabling us to help our clients in very efficient way".

As the only pan-Nordic Corporate M&A team, and the largest international law firm in the region, DLA Piper is the perfect alternative for all companies requiring corporate services on a Nordic level. Our Nordic Corporate M&A

team consists of more than 120 lawyers, and have earned the top legal advisor ranking in the Nordics for overall M&A deal volume for four consecutive years, according to Mergermarket.

Ranking			1021		1Q20	
1Q21	1Q20	Company name	Value (USDm)	Deal count	Count change	Deal count
1	1	DLA Piper	2,726	59	25	34
2	2	Vinge	11,425	29	4	25
3	3	White & Case	5,802	26	3	23
4	9	Accura	1,444	23	10	13
5	5	Thommessen	7,760	22	6	16
6	7	Schjodt	6,051	20	6	14
7	29	Gorrissen Federspiel	840	19	14	5
8	21	Kromann Reumert	3,397	18	11	7
9	34	Plesner	1,152	17	12	5
10	14	Roschier	6,720	15	5	10
11	11	Wiersholm	5,732	15	4	11
12	4	Bech-Bruun	3,932	15	-2	17
13	23	Moalem Weitemeyer	455	15	8	7
14	6	Mannheimer Swartling	2,420	14	0	14
15	10	Baker McKenzie	2,853	13	1	12
16	17	Eversheds Sutherland	261	13	4	9
17	22	Advokatfirman Lindahl	13	12	5	7
18	18	CLP	481	10	1	9
19	30	Hannes Snellman	409	10	5	5
20	20	Horten Law Firm	400	10	2	8

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In November we published our Global M&A in 2020: Impact of COVID-19 report focusing on how deal activity responded to the disruption caused by the pandemic. Learn more <u>here.</u>