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Latest ranking of top European and Scandinavian legal advisers in large M&A transactions in 2001 is announced!

Swedish law firm Vinge is No. 10 in the whole European M&A market and the No. 1 law firm in the Scandinavian market, according to the British market analyst company mergermarket. Mergermarket has now announced its full year 2001 league tables for legal advisers in large European and Scandinavian M&A transactions.

Vinge is No. 1 in the Nordic region in total number of transactions (56) as well as in total transaction value (M€28,224) for 2001. The top 20 individual legal advisors in the Nordic region include six partners in the Vinge Stockholm office and the lists are headed by Vinge lawyers Hans Wibom and Johan Cervin.

- It is very gratifying, not only that Advokatfirman Vinge and several of our lawyers are in such clear leading positions on the attractive Scandinavian M&A market, but also that Vinge continues to be a preferred legal service provider in this strategically important market segment – comments Michael Wigge, managing partner at Vinge's Stockholm office.

Vinge is No. 10 on mergermarket's list for the whole of the European large M&A market, with only the big English and American law firms in front. This means that Vinge is No. 1 outside England and the US. The list of the top 20 individual M&A lawyers in Europe include two Vinge lawyers, Johan Cervin at No. 4 and Johan Göthberg at No. 11.

- That Swedish independent firm Vinge is among the Top Ten in European M&A does not only confirm the strength of the Nordic M&A market, but it also shows what a strong position and good track-record Vinge has in the market, even compared to the biggest international firms – Michael Wigge continues.

- Vinge's competition law practice group is also a frontrunner. Headed by lawyers Carl Wetter and Johan Karlsson in Stockholm/Brussels, Rikard Azelius in Malmö and Björn Nicolai in Gothenburg, Vinge's competition law practice group has during 2001 advised on 13 notifications to the EU Commission and a large number of notifications to national competition authorities – Michael Wigge adds.

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mergermarket league table of lawfirms advising in transactions over 15 EURm in Northern Europe for 2001 ranked by value

Rank	House	Value (EURm)	No of deals
1	Vinge	28 224	56
2	Mannheimer Swartling	20 823	24
3	Linklaters & Alliance	15 741	21
4	Clifford Chance	12 316	14
5	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	10 088	13
6	Hannes Snellman	6 678	7
7	Allen & Overy	6 356	10
8	Roschier Holmberg Attorneys	6 008	14
9	Sullivan & Cromwell	5 843	4
10	Hengeler Mueller Weitzel Wirtz	5 284	4

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9	Gernandt & Danielsson	1 710	9
10	Baker & McKenzie	1 607	8

Top 10 Corporate Lawyers ranked by total value of transactions announced in the period 01 Jan 2001 – 31 Dec 2001, where either the bidder or the target is in the Nordic Region; includes lapsed deals

Rank	Individual	Bidder/Target Advisors	Value EUR(m)	No of Deals
1	Hans Wibom	Vinge	14 745	4
2	Göran Nyström	Mannheimer Swartling	14 236	3
3	Christoffer Saidac	Vinge	11 107	2
4	Thomas Wallinder	Mannheimer Swartling	9 994	1
5	Johan Göthberg	Vinge	5 771	8
6	Julius Budde	Hengeler Mueller Weitzel Wirtz	4 932	2
7	Lena Almefelt	Vinge	4 842	2
8	Per Winnberg	Hellström & Partners	4 842	1
9	Carita Wallgren	Roschier Holmberg Attorneys	4 674	3
10	Tom Hård	Mannheimer Swartling	4 258	6

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1	Johan Cervin	Vinge	3 851	9
2	Johan Göthberg	Vinge	5 771	8
3	Tom Hård	Mannheimer Swartling	4 258	6
4	Peter Högström	Linklaters & Alliance	717	6
5	Lennart Simonsen	Roschier Holmberg Attorneys	2 424	5
6	Claes Zettermarck	White & Case	351	5
7	Hans Wibom	Vinge	14 745	4
8	Johan Cederlund	Vinge	2 264	4
9	Erik Thyness	Wiersholm Mellbye & Beck	650	4
10	Dick Lundqvist	Gernandt & Danielsson	265	4

mergermarket league table (by volume) of legal advisors advising in transactions in Europe over £10m in the full year ended 31 December 2001

Rank		House	Value EUR (m)	No of deals
FY 2001	FY 2000			
1	1	Linklaters & Alliance	212 991	214
2	3	Clifford Chance	192 232	181
3	2	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	214 567	167
4	4	Allen & Overy	91 405	151
5	6	Ashurst Morris Crisp	33 928	104
6	5	Slaughter and May	159 460	94
7	7	Herbert Smith / Gleiss Lutz	11 366	78
8	12	Eversheds	8 780	73
9	9	Shearman & Sterling	12 245	61
10	13	Vinge	27 760	57
11	8	Norton Rose	28 618	56
12	22	Baker & McKenzie	17 585	54
13	10	Lovells	24 082	51
14	17	White & Case	30 338	49
15	15	CMS Cameron McKenna	7 215	49
16	20	Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton	118 450	48
17	29	Hammond Suddards Edge	4 623	48
18	16	Sullivan & Cromwell	156 166	47
19	18	Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom	107 529	46
20	11	DLA & Partners	2 475	45

mergermarket league table (by volume) of individual lawyers advising in transactions in Europe over £10m in the full year ended 31 December 2001

Rank	Individual	Bank	Value EUR(m)	No of Deals
1	Matthew Middleditch	Linklaters & Alliance	12 868	13
2	George Sampas	Sullivan & Cromwell	52 360	11
3	James Davis	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	6 744	10
4	Johan Cervin	Vinge	3 851	9
5	Thomas Forschbach	Ashurst Morris Crisp	3 777	9
6	Michael Johns	Ashurst Morris Crisp	942	9
7	William Underhill	Slaughter and May	68 685	8
8	Jeffrey Lawrence	Shearman & Sterling	43 443	8
9	Stephen Kotran	Sullivan & Cromwell	25 959	8
10	David Pearson	Clifford Chance	19 500	8
11	Johan Gothberg	Vinge	5 771	8
12	Roberto Cappelli	Clifford Chance	2 937	8
13	Charlie Geffen	Ashurst Morris Crisp	2 776	8
14	Russell Carmedy	Gouldens	1 395	8
15	Jeff Twentyman	Slaughter and May	1 238	8
16	Patrick Speller	Allen & Overy	518	8
17	Robin Johnson	Eversheds	497	8
18	Iain Fenn	Linklaters & Alliance	43 390	7
19	David Cheyne	Linklaters & Alliance	28 990	7
20	William Lawes	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	24777	7

