



PRESS RELEASE

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## **AVANT CAPITAL PARTNERS LAUNCHES ITS OPERATIONS**

**Four leading professionals join forces to create an investment and asset management company with a unique skillset in property development, investments, and finance.**

Teemu Saxén, Juha Mattila and Jussi Thusberg as partners together with Lorenz Merk, who will join as partner as soon as he is released from his current commitments, have teamed up to launch Avant Capital Partners. Avant is a company with focus on hands-on local operating and joint venture partnerships for investors seeking investment opportunities in the Finnish real estate market. In addition, Avant is also arranging debt and mezzanine financing for real estate investments through its co-operation partners.

"We are thrilled by getting this team of talented individuals working together, not least given the continued strong demand towards the services we're offering", comments Jussi Thusberg. "With a very selective investment process we will be able to focus on delivering the highest possible returns and service to our investors."

The individuals behind the company have a long and successful track record in property development, investments, private equity and banking: Jussi Thusberg, before his latest position as director at Catella Asset Management, was one of the early partners of NREP where he e.g. established the Helsinki office and was involved in multiple transactions and fund launches across the Nordics. Teemu Saxén's and Juha Mattila's company Mattila & Saxen Property Partners has received multiple Euromoney awards in recent years for its outstanding development and Asset Management capabilities. Lorenz Merk, before his successful career in investment management, was e.g. responsible for management and loan origination for the Nordic region for Hamburg based DGHyp bank, building up a performing Nordic loan book exceeding 300 MEUR within 2 years.

More information can be found at the company's website at [www.avantcap.fi](http://www.avantcap.fi) or please contact Mr. Jussi Thusberg +358 40 0778097.