



Danske Bank to lease premises at Kasarmikatu 21 office complex

- Danske Large Business and Private Banking divisions will relocate to the Kasarmitori side of the complex at the end of the year**
- The complex will soon be fully let, with remaining street level business premises now available for only a couple of operators**

Danske Bank has concluded a long-term lease for premises in the new office complex, and will move its divisions serving large businesses and institutional customers as well as its Helsinki private banking branch to the new Kasarmikatu 21 building on the corner of Kasarmitori Square at the end of the year.

“Our Kasarmikatu 21 property was able to satisfy the requirements of Danske Bank for technical features, security and adaptability of premises. These modern, stylish and centrally located facilities provide an optimal setting for the demanding clientele served by the Large Business division. Together with about 220 employees of our anchor tenant Roschier, Attorneys Ltd, the Danske Bank team will be among the first lessors to move into the new building following its completion at the end of the year,” explains **Kari Helin**, CEO and Managing Partner of HGR Property Partners.

Danske Bank will reorganise its premises, relocating divisions onto the same site as it implements previously announced plans to move the bank’s managerial, support and head office functions to the Pasila district of the city next autumn.

Erkko Murto, the Head of Corporate Real Estate for Danske Bank in Finland, explains these plans:

“Our division serving large corporate businesses and institutional customers is currently based at two locations in southwest and central Helsinki, and we have been seeking a suitable downtown premise where these operations could combine. The Kasarmitori site is ideal for our customers, and we were also impressed by the wide range of catering and event accommodation

options that it will offer. It will now be easier to arrange our customer events at a single location. These new flexible space solutions will serve the evolving needs of our business and enable improved co-operation in customer service.”

The new office complex in Kaartinkaupunki district will soon be fully let

Space in this new seven-storey office complex has been almost entirely let. “Besides Danske Bank, we secured another important lessee in December, meaning that only one floor of the complex is still to let. Some space also remains available for one or two commercial leases at street level on the Kasarmikatu side of the complex. We are already negotiating leases for these vacant spaces with a view to announcing further new tenancies in the near future,” Kari Helin reports.

In addition to offices, the Kasarmikatu 21 property will also house two restaurants. A luncheon restaurant will incorporate a café and salad bar, while Juuri restaurateur partners Ilja Björs and Jarkko Myllymäki are planning to open a bistro-style urban establishment on the Pohjoinen Makasiinikatu side of the complex.

The office complex development at Kasarmikatu 21 is proceeding on schedule. Installation of the Jura Travertino natural stone façade has just commenced, and the entire office complex will be completed by the end of the year.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Ahlström Capital, YIT Corporation and **HGR Property Partners** are developing a new property on the corner of Kasarmitori Square in the Kaartinkaupunki district of downtown Helsinki. Due for completion by the end of 2017, the seven-storey complex will accommodate up to one thousand employees in 16,000 square metres of business premises. Occupying the site of the former Helsinki Public Works Department, the new building has been designed by **SARC Architects** with **Antti-Matti Siikala** serving as Lead Designer. It stands on two adjacent sites and will be completed to satisfy the requirements for certification under the highest **platinum level LEED environmental rating**. The construction partner is YIT Construction Ltd.

The anchor tenant in the new building will be **Roschier, Attorneys Ltd**, who will immediately relocate its staff of about 220 employees into the new complex when construction work is completed. Roschier will have its own entrance on the corner of Kasarmikatu and Pohjoinen Makasiinikatu.

Besides offices, the Kasarmikatu 21 property will also house two restaurants. A luncheon restaurant will incorporate a café and salad bar, and a bistro-style urban restaurant will open in the evenings on the Pohjoinen Makasiinikatu side of the complex. **Zipuli Oy**, the parent company behind the nearby Juuri restaurant establishment, will also take charge of catering and function room hiring operations in the office complex.

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