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## Magnusson Berlin office spins off into boutique

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The Berlin office of Swedish firm Magnusson has split off into an independent boutique, just two years after forming.

The boutique, tkslegal, will be led by Magnusson's Berlin managing partner Thomas Kaiser-Stockmann. He is taking eight members of staff, including a lawyer, trainees and paralegals with him to the new venture.

Kaiser-Stockmann moved from Swedish firm [Mannheimer Swartling](#) to launch the Magnusson office in 2013 ([5 February 2013](#)).

He said he felt that he would be better-able to serve clients as an independent firm, which would continue to focus on corporate and real estate work, as well as on Nordic transactions and German entrepreneurs.

He added that the firm planned to develop offerings in digital industries as well as the Berlin and international start-up scene.

Kaiser-Stockmann said being independent would also enable him to build his notarial practice more easily.

"I've just found that I can do this better on my own," he added. "In today's world you can do very nice international transactional work without being a large firm."

All the Magnusson Berlin employees will move to the boutique and there will be a continued relationship with the firm.

Magnusson senior partner Per Magnusson said his firm's focus on Germany would not change and that the firm wanted to continue developing relationships with local German firms.

"It's very important for us that we're not competing with other German firms," Magnusson said.

He added: "We have concluded that going forward, our newly amended strategy for Germany will not be compatible with Thomas Kaiser-Stockmann and as a result it was logical for us to part. We will continue to have a representative presence in Germany, focused on sourcing work to Magnusson offices in other countries and working closely with German law firms. We wish Thomas the best of luck."

He added that Magnusson had not decided whether or not it would relaunch a representative office in Germany in the future.