

Legal counsel Veris Investments

The company

Veris Investments is an independent investment company that makes equity and mezzanine investments in companies and projects with activities in the food value chain in Sub-Saharan Africa. By providing long-term capital and hands-on support to companies and projects, we aim to build successful businesses in close cooperation with management. Through investing in the development of a strong and competitive private food sector, our goal is to make a positive impact on food security in the region. For more information on Veris Investments and our portfolio companies we refer to www.verisinvestments.com.

The position

As a legal counsel at Veris, you will take on a vital role in our team of 10 professionals. You will be hands-on involved in the legal aspects of our portfolio, including acquisitions and exits, as well as overseeing and advising on strategic legal matters at portfolio companies abroad (in consultation with local counsel, if needed). Next to this, you will also be responsible for the corporate, commercial contracts, tax and (financial) regulatory matters within Veris. This role requires that you are broadly interested, not afraid to deep dive into new topics, work fairly independent on legal aspects of transactions and steering and partnering with external (legal) experts where needed. This role will provide you with the opportunity to gain broader experience and approaching topics from a wider frame together with our portfolio team.

Detailed responsibilities include

Portfolio responsibilities:

- Contributing to investments out of your expertise from the beginning
- Providing expert legal advice to internal stakeholders on a wide range of legal matters related to investments, contracts, project development and regulatory compliance
- Guiding local legal counsels, external lawyers and advisors as needed
- Drafting legal documents for transactions
- Handling legal disputes and litigation matters, working closely with external counsel when necessary
- Contracting, contract management and maintaining legal files (draft, review, and negotiate various contracts) and processes

Corporate responsibilities:

- Preparing meetings for the supervisory boards and investment committee (incl. drafting agendas and meeting notes)
- Monitoring and ensuring compliance with applicable financial supervisory legislation (including KYC) and maintaining contact with DNB and AFM
- Maintaining corporate housekeeping
- Day to day legal advice on (potential) litigation, tax, employment, commercial contracts and legal developments

Job requirements & qualifications

- At least 4-6 years of relevant experience as a lawyer within the transaction practice (for example in M&A or projects) of an established law firm, preferably combined with at least 2 years inhouse experience in a corporate and commercial or M&A role within a corporate, bank or investment firm
- Significant experience with corporate law and a good understanding of M&A/investment transactions. In house experience with commercial contracts is a plus
- Knowledge of applicable financial regulations and basic compliance experience, experience with KYC/AML screening procedures
- Basic knowledge of tax laws and ability to understand and steer external advisors on tax topics
- Ability to learn quickly and take responsibility for a legal function covering a broad range of legal, compliance and tax topics
- Excellent negotiation, drafting, and communication skills
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively in a fast-paced environment
- Practical and flexible approach to work and mentality to 'get things done'
- Commitment to producing high quality of work, with attention to detail and perseverance
- Affinity with impact investing and/or Africa and willingness to travel to Sub-Saharan African countries
- Practical understanding of doing business in Sub-Saharan Africa is a plus

We offer

A position in a growing investment company, aiming to have a positive impact on the world. You will have a crucial role in a pragmatic and driven team and can take ownership in your relatively independent role. We are located in the centre of Amsterdam and you will have the possibility to travel from time to time and work part time if preferred (4 days a week).

We offer competitive terms of employment. The exact employment conditions for this position will be determined in consultation.

If interested, please send your CV and motivation letter to vacatures@verisinvestments.com.