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Good Results Enable New Services

For a change, we've had a proper winter with plenty of snow and low temperatures. Thanks to the snow, the season of many winter sports continued until the late winter. However, the snow has also caused some challenges for property maintenance.

But now the winter is behind us and the spring is blooming. Hopefully, the coming summer will grant us great weather for both holidaying and outdoor activities.

Our accounting period for 2018 was successful. Despite the write-downs of flats caused by our projects, we made better profits than anticipated. As a result, we can now maintain our properties better and actively improve our operations. Thanks to careful management of finances, successful financing methods, and low interest rate level, there was no need for rent increases in 2019.

The dispute over the company practicing as a public utility between POAS and the tax authorities is yet unfinished. At the time of writing this, the matter is still under the consideration of the Supreme Administrative Court. Regarding the projects about to begin and the development of new service concepts, the beginning of the year

has yet again been very busy at POAS. In early 2019, we introduced new services, such as cars for the shared use of tenants and a removal box service, both of which have turned out to be highly popular services among our tenants. Our shared cars, Joule, Voltti and Walthi, have seen plenty of road. During the first month of use, over 200 users registered for the service, which was a pleasant surprise. The removal box service delivers removal boxes to the front door of new POAS tenants free of charge. We aim to make the moving as smooth as possible. This service has also proved to be very popular.

The complementary building projects of Ristinarkuntie and Vaahterakuja will become concrete this spring, as the demolition work begins on both sites during April and May. Immediately after the demolition, the construction of new buildings will begin. If these projects progress as planned, the first phase for both buildings should be ready for moving in on 1 September 2020. The planned completion date of the second phase of Ristinarkuntie is 1 December 2020. The commencement of the second phase of Vaahterakuja is yet to be scheduled.

Wishing you a refreshing summer!

TIMO JOKINEN

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Pirkan Opiskelija-asunnot Oy

POAS' ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE GETS OUTLINED

POAS has been granted the EcoCompass certificate. We commit to develop the management of our environmental issues according to the national EcoCompass system and to follow it's criteria in our operations.

The EcoCompass criteria are:

- The company acts according to environmental laws and regulations.
- The company has appointed someone as responsible for environmental matters.
- The company organises an environmental assessment in which the initial situation is charted and the most significant environmental impacts ensuing from the company's operations are assessed.
- The company has its own environmental policy which forms the basis for the environmental goals.
- The key persons appointed by the company for environmental issues take part in the environmental training provided by EcoCompass. The key persons instruct the rest of the staff to take environmental issues into account in their actions.
- The company has a waste management plan.
- Waste is sorted according to the regional waste management regulations.
- The company records its hazardous waste, stores it safely and delivers it for due treatment.
- The company has a list of all chemicals used. Safety data sheets are available for the staff and the employees have been primed for the safe use of the chemicals. The company stores its chemicals according to regulations.
- The company prepares an environmental programme every year. The goals which the company selects must be based on reducing the essential environmental impacts ensuing from the company's operations. The sub-sectors are selected again every three years at the latest.
- The company reports to EcoCompass every year about the outcome and fulfilment of goals and key ratios describing the company's environmental actions. The monitoring report is available for the company's staff.

For the first three years, our environmental programme will focus on saving energy (water and heating energy), waste management, and environmental communications. EcoCompass is based both on the respective Nordic environmental management systems and on international standards on environmental management. The forces behind EcoCompass are the cities of Helsinki, Espoo and Vantaa.

We take responsibility for the environment.
We use EcoCompass.





Cooperation Also Helps the Environment

Pasi Silanterä, the property manager of POAS, answers some burning questions. The themes are important and the insights top-notch.

How has the EcoCompass granted to POAS affected the everyday work of property management?

All of us POAS employees know that the company must take responsibility for the environmental impacts ensuing from its operations. We had to meet the detailed criteria of the EcoCompass certificate to achieve it. So far, we have focused on conducting charting and assessment work as well as developing our plans and operations models. Since our focus has been on the aforementioned matters, the EcoCompass has yet to significantly affect the everyday activities of property management. We have, however, taken the first steps in everyday life as well. For example, we have already conducted actions to tackle water consumption. Furthermore, we have begun to survey the need for repairing and renewing the automation equipment on the properties.

What eco-related areas could POAS tenants improve on the most?

Regarding this matter, we can achieve the best results by working together. At the POAS office, we must establish outlines for recognising environmental matters more effectively. This concerns everybody. For example, all properties should have a comprehensive selection of recycling bins, so that the tenants can make the most out of them. Recycling is only one example. The same goes for everything else.

How much water do the POAS tenants consume at the moment?

Their water consumption is a little high. However, we have begun to take measures to save water on a trial basis on a couple of properties. So far, the results have been very encouraging. The savings potential is there. It is possible to save 10-20% in water consumption with technical means. Another way is to influence the tenants' water consumption habits. This poses

a challenge for environmental communications. However, I strongly believe we can find common ground.

Has POAS considered water meters for each flat?

Some buildings have water metering, but we have yet to utilise it. All new buildings have obligatory water meters. In the future, invoicing based on consumption is a possibility, however, I personally dislike this idea. I would rather see the consumption of water reduced by technical means and because the tenants stop wasting water.

**'WE MUST ESTABLISH OUTLINES
FOR RECOGNISING ENVIRONMENTAL
MATTERS MORE EFFECTIVELY.'**

Are there any other areas from which the tenants could save common money and indirectly influence their rent through their own actions?

That is a big question. I would say by taking care of their flat and by reporting any defects and damage they detect in good time.

What are the most common errors you have noticed in the use of bathrooms?

Tenants often open or adjust the outlet vent too much in hopes of better ventilation. This is a huge mistake. The vents have been adjusted so that everyone lets out the same amount of air and changes in the adjustment can throw the system into disarray. Other errors include negligence of cleaning and washing the bathroom and leaving the facility wet after showering.

Live Up Your Bathroom

Small and inexpensive acquisitions can brighten up your bathroom. Let your imagination soar and you'll see that this tiny tiled space could be charming, colourful and cosy.

It is easy to forget about the bathroom when decorating your home. The proper rooms steal the spotlight and the bathroom doesn't get the attention it deserves. But this tiny tiled space can be transformed into a unique and interesting spot that provides not just relief and cleanliness but also aesthetic pleasure.

Giving a facelift to your bathroom doesn't require renovation and new furniture: small changes with a well thought out colour palette will do wonders! The following measures will help you make the most of your bathroom:

Towels. Get colourful towels to contrast the bland tiles. Add hooks on the walls so that you can display the towels the way you like. Another obvious item is the shower curtain. You can find them in various patterns in supermarkets – and at a fair price! The colours and prints of the curtain and the towels cre-

ate the foundation for your bathroom's new look.

Get a bathroom rug. It makes your bathroom cosy and feels wonderful under

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bare feet. The rug also makes the bathroom safer if it's non-slip. Now the basic elements of your colour palette are ready, but the details still need some polishing. You should definitely replace the white toilet seat lid with one that matches your

bathroom's colours. Other important elements of the room's colour effect are the toilet brush, soap dispenser and bathroom bin.

You should absolutely liven up the walls and the door with pictures or framed posters. Frame the posters, otherwise the humidity will make them curl up. Flea markets are the number one spots to buy toilet art.

When giving your bathroom a facelift, please keep in mind that the room shouldn't be stacked with excessive stuff or furniture. This might disturb the ventilation. Furthermore, it is time to recycle any tins and bottles of old and spoilt substances and other paraphernalia gathering dust.

A unique and cosy bathroom doesn't require much. Just a sprinkle of imagination and a couple of euros will take you far.

PREVENT LIMESCALE BUILD-UP

You wash yourself in the bathroom. Remember to also wash the bathroom. Nobody is saying it's fun, but if you do it often enough, it won't take much.

Tips on taking care of your bathroom:

- Wipe the floor and walls dry with a squeegee after the shower. Humidity evaporates faster and the tiles, gaps and other surfaces stay clean longer.
- Clean and wash the bathroom every week and change all towels.
- You can use washing-up liquid and general cleaning agent.
- For the floor, hoovering and mopping is enough.
- Remember to clean the floor drain every few weeks. Lift the grating and remove the scum with an old dish brush and rinse. You might want to use protective gloves.
- Close the bathroom door after showering, so that the humidity doesn't damage the rest of the flat. Let the bathroom ventilation do its thing.
- If the bathroom remains humid, check that the outlet vent is clean. Don't adjust the outlet vent. That's the repairperson's job.
- Tackle limescale with acid. Use a cleaning agent with a pH less than six.



**SENSIBLE WATER
USE SAVES MONEY
AND THE PLANET**

HOW TO NOT WASTE WATER

Most of people's water consumption comes from the water consuming activities relating to the manufacturing process of products we use. It is estimated that 97% of our water footprint consists of such consumption. In addition to cutting your personal water consumption, you can reduce your water footprint by favouring local products and by considering your consumption choices also from the angle of water use.

- Make sure that the taps or the toilet tank don't leak.
- Wash full loads of laundry and dishes.
- If possible, use an energy-efficient or half load option. This way you can also save electricity.
- Use a sink plug when doing the dishes. Avoid rinsing under running water.
- Turn off the shower when applying soap and shampoo.
- Use a cup of water instead of running water during toothbrushing.
- If you have a garden, utilise rainwater in watering plants and grass.
- Bottle and fridge drinking water. This way you don't have to wait for the tap water to turn cold.
- Water flowers with the water from cooking potatoes or eggs.
- Wash fruits and vegetables in a bowl instead of under running water.
- Remember that modern dishwashers can consume half as much water as old ones.

Distribution of water consumption in a household

The average water consumption/day for a Finn is 155 litres. The consumption distributes as follows:

Washing-up.....	60 litres, 39%
Flushing the toilet....	40 litres, 26%
Kitchen.....	35 litres, 22%
Laundry.....	20 litres, 13%

Source: Motiva

Watti Dashes without Emissions



Since January, POAS tenants have had access to a brand new and extraordinary service. POAS has acquired three electric cars for joint use by the tenants. A tenant can reserve a car with a smart phone app and the rental price for the reservation is very inexpensive. When others do nothing, POAS takes action and drives into the future with electricity.

The era of combustion engine cars is coming to an end and insightful pioneers are already using electricity to get from point A to point B. Now all POAS tenants can be part of this group of forerunners and drive an electric car.

There are three cars and each car has its own name and pickup place. Joule can be found at Ritakatu in Ruotula, Voltti at Insinöörinkatu in Hervanta and Watti, which we tested, at Vaahterakuja in Peltolammi.

We decided to find more about POAS' electric cars and their use. Our guide was Niko Ruotsalainen, who has reserved Watti twice already. Niko studies informatics at the university, works in the field, is an active

POAS member, and participates in maintaining the POAS network. With so much energy in him, it was only natural for Niko to introduce us to the electric car.

Our test drive took place in Peltolammi, which is actually where the story of POAS began in the 1960s. In a sense, driving an electric car in these surroundings was a symbolic way for the past and the future to meet.

Striking style, tangible technology

We arrive at Vaahterakuja 5. The electric blue colour of Watti gives the vibe that this one isn't a polluting petrol machine

but electrical engineers' latest display of skill. Watti is a Renault, which means it's French and has been brought to the cold north to be driven by a taciturn people.

Niko uses the OP Shared Car smart phone app, which is used for reserving the car. The app also functions as the car key. The app gives instructions non-stop and, if you have the patience to read them, it is easy and smooth to use. Since Niko is a Finnish man, he skipped the instructions when he reserved the car for the first time. He had to call customer support, which responded immediately and helped him.

Now Niko, with a touch of humility, recommends reading the instructions. We unplug Watti's cable and hang it on the charging post. We stop for a second to take a look at the appearance of the car. Usually in French car design, elegance converses with technicality, which results in odd-looking vehicles. In this case, however, suitability has been the priority and the result is, in Niko's words, 'pretty cool, doesn't provoke negative emotions'. We hop in and the car feels rather comfortable and surprisingly roomy. Instead of classic gauges, there is a display that shows that the capacity of the batteries is 100%. Niko puts the car in reverse and we back up from the space smoothly and quietly. The acceleration of Watti is stable and perky and the car doesn't jerk. Niko praises the car for how easy it is to drive and handle. 'This is an agile thing that is easy to move even in tight spots', he says.

We drive down the Lempääläntie road just like anyone else. The faint sound of the electric motor reminds us of sci-fi special effects and Battlestar Galactica comes to mind. Excluding the sound, or the lack of it, Watti feels like an ordinary new car. There isn't a noticeable difference from a combustion engine car when driving down a road with moderate speed.

Niko says that he prefers Watti to traditional cars when driving in the city: 'An electric car pulls off from traffic lights very quickly and, thanks to its ungeared transmission, it is pleasant and easy to drive around the town'.

Wallet and nature give thanks

As we return, I enquire Niko's thoughts on the cars' reservation rent. 'I think the rental is very inexpensive. I have hired the car for three and eight hours and it has been very cheap.

And hey, no need to pay for gas'. Niko says he might hire the car also in the future and he would recommend the service to everybody. 'Make sure to make the reservation in good time and for full hours,

so that you won't be accidentally charged for three hours instead of 2.5 hours', advises Niko those interested in the service.

There is no need to recharge Watti and its friends if the drive lasts only a couple of hours. You can drive nearly 300 kilometres if the batteries are full. The app gives advice regarding any matters relating to charging the car, so there is no need to stress about that.

We return to Vaahterakuja. The drive was a cool and harmonious experience. Niko parks Watti in its space, plugs the charging cable to the front of the Renault, switches on the charging and shuts the doors with his phone. 'At first, it was confusing to use my phone to lock the car, but now this feels completely natural', Niko chuckles and continues: 'When returning the car, you should remember to notify POAS if you observe anything out of place, so that it is looked into'.

As we are leaving, a squirrel observes us from a tree with approval. It knows how significant electric cars are from nature's point of view.

Watti stays in its space and looks like it is about to set off again soon. There won't be any exhaust fumes, only happy users.



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It's easy:

Download the free OP Shared Car application on your smart phone. Enter the shared car code into the app. You can make a reservation when the code has been approved. Use the app to reserve a car and pick it up at its pickup place. The app helps you with everything.

Rental prices:

1 h / 7 €
3 h / 20 €
8 h / 30 €
12 h / 40 €
24 h / 50 €

Food Trends 2019

If the trends are to be believed, the era of irresponsible eating habits is coming to an end. Green thoughts have replaced full-cream milk and if you don't eat carrots, you'll get the stick. Consumers no longer just consider what they eat but also examine where their food comes from and how it has been produced. They also want to know if the food has been wrapped in plastic or transported by plane.

Everyday well-being and environmentally aware consumption were the key trends to arise from K Group's study on the food phenomena of 2019. Consumers value healthy, clean and additive-free food. Especially convenience food that makes the busy everyday life easier should have these qualities. Other trends that are gaining popularity include the ethicality and the environmental impacts of food. Reducing food waste and replacing meat with protein products are also hot at the moment.

Studies show that people are increasingly interested in their eating habits. It's not enough to simply eat more vegetables. People want to know the health benefits of their whole diet.

Do you flex?

A food trend that has been steadily gaining momentum is flexitarianism, which means substituting fish, vegetables or something else for meat from time to time. Being a flexitarian has been made very easy these days. Even ordinary supermarkets carry a

good selection of various protein products you can substitute for meat.

For instance, crushed soya beans, härkis or pulled oats are great substitutes for meat. They are delicious, healthy and keep for a long time. It has been estimated that the use of protein products substituting for meat will double this year. It would seem that we are slowly approaching a situation in which meat is no longer the leading choice.

Risk-taking and adventurous cooking that emphasises individuality and expe-



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riences as well as utilising exotic ingredients are becoming mainstream. Social cooking is becoming more popular as well. People invite friends over to cook and dine. This brings a more communal aspect to our food culture. In conclusion, food culture has become rather versatile.

Waste is foolery

In Finland, approximately 23 kilos of food per capita is thrown away every year. The amount corresponds to 6 per cent of all food purchased by consumers. The value

of food waste in Finland amounts to approximately 500 million euros a year (the numbers are based on several studies and provided by the Natural Resources Institute Finland).

If the environmental impacts of food production are also taken into account, one can see that a bewildering amount of emissions are created for nothing.

Even us average people know how to use a computer or smart phone, but managing the contents of our fridge isn't always so easy. You don't need any special training to check the contents of your fridge every few days and to move the older products forward, so that you would remember to use them before they spoil.

Regarding the matter of waste, great differences can be detected between households. Many homes are aware of the situation and have reduced their amount of waste, but there are also households with fridges that look like a hybrid of a catastrophe film and a compost.

It takes little effort to cut big waste and it saves you money. Have a peek at your fridge; it's ecological!

SQUARE METRES ARE ONLY NUMBERS

At its best, the kitchen is a small space where grand actions take place. The following tips will help you make the most of the few square metres.

- Think which functions are necessary to your kitchen.
- Use all of the wall space. Get shelves or cupboards.
- Shelves are great for displaying your dishes and other objects. Having no doors is also practical in the small space.
- Add dividers to the drawers. This way the contents will stay organised, even if the drawers are full.
- Hanging rails on the walls clear out space on the shelves and the worktop. Hang your pans, pots and cups. Hanging hooks are also handy.
- Keep the tools you use daily nearby. Store rarely used tools somewhere else.
- Be a professional: clean and do the dishes while cooking. This will save space on the worktop.
- If there is a dining table in the kitchen, consider placing it somewhere else.
- You can use a small side table or trolley that you can move to some other space when needed.



CHILI SIN CARNE HÄRKIS (4 portions)

This is a härkis version of the familiar chili con carne. Recently, there have been several cases where a sworn carnivore has tasted this dish and binged themselves ill.

Ingredients:

250g Härkis fava bean mince
1 onion
2 garlic cloves
1 tbsp oil for cooking
1-3 potted chipotle chillies
2 tsp ground cumin
1 tsp ground coriander
1 tsp smoked paprika
1 tbsp dried oregano
400g crushed tomatoes
2 tbsp tomato paste
3dl vegetable stock
1 tbsp brown sugar
1 tin kidney beans
ground salt and black pepper

Instructions:

Peel and dice the onion. Peel and crush the garlic cloves. Crush the potted chipotle chillies with a knife. Heat the oil in a pot and add the diced onion. Sauté the onion for a few minutes.

Add härkis, garlic, chipotle chillies, cumin, coriander and smoked paprika. Cook for a few minutes. Add crushed tomatoes, vegetable stock, tomato paste and oregano. Heat until boiling and add kidney beans and brown sugar.

Let the chili sin carne cook at a low temperature for approximately 25 minutes. Season with black pepper and salt. Taste and add spices if necessary. Serve the chili sin carne with cooked rice.

Great Experiences and Better Living

We sat down with Visa Rantala, the chair of tenant committees' cooperation body. Visa's title is long, but so is his experience in the tenant committees of POAS.

For a start, could you tell us what is a tenant committee?

A tenant committee is an organ that acts as a joint administration of tenements' owners and tenants as prescribed in law. The committee gives the tenants decision-making powers and opportunities to have a say in matters concerning their living. In this case, the tenant committees act as the POAS tenants' contact channel to POAS. At least once a year, we summon a tenant meeting at which the tenants establish the committee. The tenant committee is sort of like a "government" for the tenants. The committee conveys information, ideas and proposals between the tenants and POAS. The committees can also think up and organise all kinds of activities for the tenants of the housing complex, for example, barbecues, movie nights and Christmas parties. POAS grants the committees appropriations for these joint activities and the acquirement of furniture for common premises, such as a club room TV. The appropriations are also

used for buying tools that the tenants can borrow, for example, ladders, drills and other utensils.

What are the main tasks of a tenant committee?

The Act on Joint Management of Rental Buildings specifies tasks relating to the preparation and reporting of the housing complexes' budget proposals, rent determination proposals, long-term repair plans, the content of a maintenance agreement, the use of common premises and many other matters. In general, practical matters relating to everyday living are discussed in the meetings. In short, the most important task of the tenant committee is to report on the tenants' wishes and needs and work as a link connecting the tenants and POAS. Basically, we represent the tenants' interests.

How do the tenant committees cooperate?

It depends. For example, geographical reasons affect how much committees can cooperate. Cooperation and organisation of joint events are easier for committees that are situated near each other. By the way, POAS has two joint tenant committees, one in Hervanta and one in Härmälä. Several housing associations have a common committee and everything operates smoothly because the buildings are so close to each other.

What does the tenant committees' cooperation body, of which you are the chair, do?

The cooperation body discusses matters relating to the whole housing stock of POAS, for instance, rent, long-term repairs, and house rules. Each committee is represented at the cooperation body. The body assembles three to four times a year and holds a budget conference every autumn. At the conference, we review thoroughly the next year's budget plan. The cooperation body also selects

the tenant representatives for the POAS board and the auditor among the tenants. We handle the matters concerning all tenants and share new ideas and operations models with everybody.

Events in Tampere

MAY

10.5. Exercise Day of Your Dreams
A pop-up day to try all sorts of exercise. This year's theme is people of different ages exercising together.

11.5. Art and Handicrafts Market at the Stable Yards
The Stable Yards will be filled with visiting craftsmen, who sell handicrafts, delicacies, design and unique novelties.

15.5. SAKUgames
A sports event for students in Tampere. Eight sports, competitive and recreational categories.

16.-19.5. International Grand Markets
Over 100 vendors from 35 countries come to Hämeenpuisto park. Taste the world!

JUNE

3.6. Environment market at Tammelantori
A diverse eco-event. Bring your hazardous waste to the market and recycle and make finds at EcoFellows' exchange area. Bring and take.

4.-9.6. Tampere Vocal Music Festival
A choir and vocal ensemble event. Workshops and free concerts. Everything from pop to old-time music.

**You are a tenant member of the POAS board.
How has the experience been for you?**

It has been educational, interesting and challenging. During my time in the board, POAS has established its current form and Timo Jokinen was appointed CEO after his predecessor retired. I've been delighted at how well the board receives its tenant members. They genuinely listen to us and appreciate our views. This makes participating in the meetings worthwhile and very motivating.

How has your active participation in tenant committee activities benefited you?

I've made many friends and know my neighbours well. In addition, I have learned so much about the residential section and collective activities. The activities have been fun and, in the process, I have acquired useful communication skills.

What kind of advice would give to anyone interested in tenant committees?

Don't be afraid to participate! You can do as little or as much as you like. Contact your tenant committee and they will give you more information.

How do you think both the tenants and POAS benefit from the tenant committee operations?

Both parties benefit from the team spirit, collective sense of responsibility for common premises and the opportunity to influence one's own living. The tenants' ideas and wishes are more likely to be heard when the tenants work as a group. Then again, POAS constantly receives grass-roots information on the circumstances and needs of different housing complexes. Thanks to the information, POAS understands the tenants' everyday needs and can improve its property management among other things. Furthermore, the tenants are happy when they can have a say in matters concerning them.



6.6. Defence Forces' Summer Tour The Finnish Defence Forces' Musical Summer Tour visits Tampere.

8.-15.6. Pirkanmaa Pride The events include the pride parade, a park celebration, workshops, parties and much more.

21.-22.6. Valtteri Festival Midsummer festivities organised by Telakka and

Tullikamarin Pakkahuone. Our free midsummer sauna warms up again near Tullikamari.

JULY

5.-6.7. Iskelmäkesä The music festival tour stops by Tampere. Finnish superstars take the stage.

12.-13.7. Sauna Open Air Heaps of heavy metal.

18.-20.7. Tammerfest Plenty of events take place in the festival park of Ratinanniemi and at clubs.

AUGUST

5.-11.8. Tampere Theatre Festival Theatre fans' happy days, performances of all sorts. Nocturnal Happening 8.8.

16.8. POAS Tenant Day A free concert for tenants at Pyynikki Summer Theatre.



Living the High Life

The crown jewel of POAS' housing is Pirkka Kuutonen reaching towards the sky in Hervanta. At the time of completion in 2011, this landmark was the tallest residential building in Tampere. The building's vital statistics are: 55 metres tall x 108 flats x 16 floors. We were given a tour by Janne Peltonen, who lives on the top floor of Pirkka Kuutonen.

One feels small at the entrance of the grand high-rise block. Its walls seem to reach the clouds. The door opens and a young man who seems like a professional engineer welcomes me in. This man is Janne Peltonen, a tenant and a freshly graduated civil engineer. As Janne leads me inside, he tells me he has been happily living here for two and half years. He finds the modern architecture of both the building and the whole quarter appealing. The entrance hall is classy, and a screen that displays also information, in addition to surnames and flat numbers, is fixed on the wall.

We enter one of the two lifts and reach the top floor in a flash. In Janne's flat on the 16th floor, I see the incredible view from the windows. 'I'm attracted to this view because I can see both the city and the woods. Furthermore, in foggy weather, it feels as if the building has been dipped into a glass of milk. It's wild.', says Janne. He obviously loves living here. When I ask if he ever feels like the building is swaying in the breeze, Janne can't help smiling: 'Not at all. However, strong wind sometimes rattles the balcony glazing and howls in the structures, but that is normal for all blocks of flats'. Even though the balcony sits 50 metres high in the air, one can safely read a magazine with the glazing open during the summer. The thinner air on top of the building seems to be stimulating, since this is where Janne not just finished his Master's thesis but also came up with names for POAS' electric cars and was rewarded with movie tickets for winning the naming competition.

Janne, who is from Porvoo, lived his childhood in a detached house. Before moving to his current heights, he lived first on the second floor and then the seventh floor of blocks of flats. He has always doubled the height of his abodes with each place. Prior to his latest moving, Janne walked by Pirkka Kuutonen on a daily



basis and admired the building and thought it would be nice to live there. Then Janne took action, applied to POAS and in no time he was unloading removal boxes at his dream home. Janne thinks that one of the many fair features of POAS is that you don't have to move out immediately after graduation. Instead you have time to find a job and plan out your future and consider your living situation again when you are thirty.

The common sauna area and club room are situated on the top floor with an exciting view over Tampere. This is the place for Christmas parties and game watch parties, because it is awesome. Few student housing complexes have such luxuries. It comes as a no surprise that Janne likes to invite friends over to spend the evening or watch the new year's fireworks from a brand new point of view.

Pirkka Kuutonen is one of the three high-rise blocks in Hervanta and it is quite a masterpiece, both architecturally and structurally. If you have watched the sun setting over Tampere from the top floor of this building, you know it wasn't built in vain.

POAS NEWS

Office's Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri 9.00-15.00
on the first workday of
the month 9.00-17.00

POAS Tenant Day 16.8.

A free concert for tenants at
Pyynikki Summer Theatre.
The doors open at 18:00 and
the music begins at 19:00.
Performances by Lisa and
Annukka & Sasja. Only the first
800 who sign up get in, so be
quick! Plus ones allowed.
The date of signing up is yet to
be decided. Please follow our
website for further information.
Come spend a fun evening with
other POAS tenants!

Tenant Day 4.5. at 11-14 in the Kauppi Sports Park

Come and spend a fun day
enjoying football with the
whole family! The tenant day
is organised by POAS and the
first team of Ilves.

For adult teams, we have
organised bubble football
matches and football-related
activity points. The little ones
can race the obstacle course
or play football billiards.

Players of the men's first team
of Ilves will also be present.

Juice, water and grilled sausages
are served free of charge.

From a Shared Apartment to a Studio?

**Are you living in a shared apartment but dreaming of
a studio of your own? Your chances to get a studio in
the spring are enhanced, if you meet the following
requirements. The campaign is valid 1 April - 31 July 2019!**

- The applicant must have moved into a unit 1 September 2018 or earlier and shouldn't have arrears of rent. The applicant must accept the offered flat immediately. We will be flexible about the period of notice (no legal period of notice, the usual moving-out cleaning, etc.)
- Security deposit will be minimum of EUR 300 and an office fee is paid if so agreed (EUR 20).
- If a qualified tenant has already submitted an application, the application is valid and there is no need to submit a new one. However, please note that flats are offered to applicants only based on the options the applicant selected. If you are unsure about your prior application, you should contact the POAS office.
- If you refuse a flat that meets the requirements of your application, the status of your application will be restored, which will reduce your chances for another offer. The application is valid for 3 months and should be renewed if needed.

Removal Boxes for New Tenants

POAS wants to make the moving process easier for its new tenants and provides them removal boxes for free. The only requirement is that you are a new POAS tenant. Our partner Hakonen Solutions delivers boxes to tenants anywhere in Finland (excluding Åland).

Single tenant households receive up to 20 boxes. Households of two or more persons receive 30 boxes (number of persons means the persons who signed the contract).

Fill in and submit the form and Hakonen Solutions will contact you in three (3) working days to arrange the delivery and other matters. <https://portaali.tampuuri.fi/poas/muuttolaatikkotilaus>

Tenants needing help with their removal may use the removal services of Hakonen at tariffs agreed between POAS and Hakonen Solutions.

Please recycle the cardboard boxes properly after your move is complete or use them, for example, for storage.

See Athletes at Ratina

POAS and Tampereen Pyrintö offer POAS tenants free admission to Tampere's leg of the GP series of athletics on 3 July 2019. Sign up at toimisto@pyrinto.fi and use the code 'POAS' by 15 June 2019.

Give Us feedback on the Magazine!

A winner of 2 Finnkino movie tickets and snack vouchers will be drawn between those who have given feedback by 1 June 2019.

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