



# European Patent Attorney

Mira, Italy  
Heidelberg, Germany  
Amsterdam, Netherlands

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## The Opportunity:

You have the opportunity to join a global leader within the FMCG sector. Reckitt Benckiser (RB) is highly revered within its industry and is respected amongst its peers, where innovation and partnership are in their DNA. Intellectual Property (IP) has always played a crucial role to the ongoing success of the businesses of RB but this has never been more so than in today's highly competitive industry, where other global players continue to make use of their IP as a strategic tool to winning business and gaining market share.

To better position themselves, in 2017, RB recognized the need to split their business in to two distinct groups: Health and Hygiene Home (HyHo). The expectation of this demerger is to better respond to the changing competitive landscape each unique business unit faces and so continue their onward growth trajectory.

## The Role:

The IP Department of RB employs patent attorneys in the UK, US, the Netherlands, Germany and Italy. The Department in Amsterdam, The Netherlands is managed by Karen Cawdell, who has a strong background in the patent profession and has worked at Reckitt Benckiser for over 14 years. This position could be as part of this team located in the Amsterdam office where you will work alongside the Patent Director, a Patent Attorney and a Patent Paralegal or as a stand-alone role in either Mira, Italy or Heidelberg in Germany.

You will be expected to advise and assist on relevant patent and design matters worldwide, including invention harvesting, drafting, prosecution, validity opinions, clearances, oppositions, and competitor monitoring. You will work with other members of the HHBU legal team, who are based in multiple locations internationally and where necessary, advice on IP aspects of agreements. There will be the opportunity to travel to the relevant global R&D site as required (UK, Italy, US).

## Professional Qualities:

- There is flexibility when it comes to your technical background; the science involved in the company is diverse. However you will ideally come with a chemical engineering background, chemistry or related background.
- You will have worked in an in-house environment. The nature of this role dictates that you are able to avail yourself to the nuances of working in an industrial in-house patent department.
- You will be a qualified European Patent Attorney with a minimum of five years' experience in the profession.
- You will have excellent drafting skills and experience in EPO oppositions and appeals.
- Experience in registered design work would be an advantage but not a requirement.

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