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INVESTOR AB CONTRIBUTES TO MERGER BETWEEN OM GRUPPEN AND STOCKHOLM STOCK EXCHANGE

In conjunction with a merger proposal put forward by the boards of OM Gruppen and the Stockholm Stock Exchange, Investor AB has arrived at an agreement to sell at least 700,000 of its shares in OM Gruppen and 100,464 shares, corresponding to its entire holding, in the Stockholm Stock Exchange. The sale is expected to take place as soon as the merger comes into effect. The shares are being acquired by the Swedish state, through the Ministry of Finance.

"We see obvious advantages with the now publicly announced merger between OM Gruppen and the Stockholm Stock Exchange," said Claes Dahlbäck, president and chief executive officer of Investor.

"In part, it produces cost savings but, above all, it offers the possibilities for greater revenue since more and more investors are trading simultaneously in derivatives and stocks. The merger also reinforces the possibility for jointly developing world-class leading transaction technology.

"We also want to contribute to establishing Stockholm, and hence the Nordic region, as an internationally competitive financial market and as an alternative to, above all, London, New York and Frankfurt. This is important for Investor, in its capacity as a major investor on the market.

"We continue to see OM Gruppen as an important investment for Investor. The fact that we are now reducing our holding somewhat, stems from our desire to facilitate the fulfillment of the merger," Mr. Dahlbäck said.

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