

Press Release

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Investor AB invests \$ 20 million in Molecular Staging

Investor has, via its wholly owned subsidiary Investor Growth Capital, invested \$20 million in the life sciences tool company Molecular Staging. The total Series D preferred stock financing was \$41.25 million. OrbiMed, CIBC Capital Partners and Cooper Hill Partners were other investors in this round.

Molecular Staging Inc. is a private, life sciences tool company developing a portfolio of technologies for the detection and measurement of proteins and nucleic acids across a broad range of applications, including proteomics, genomics, pharmacogenomics and diagnostics. MSI's core technology is Rolling Circle Amplification Technology (RCAT™), an isothermal amplification process for detecting and measuring all classes of biomolecules including protein, DNA, and RNA.

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About Investor AB

Investor AB of Sweden participated in the offering through Investor Growth Capital, Inc., its healthcare, information technology and telecommunications private equity and venture capital investment group.

Investor AB is a long-term active shareholder in a number of global companies, such as Ericsson, AstraZeneca, and ABB. Investor AB has approximately \$20 billion in total assets, including \$3 billion in assets under management in Investor's global private equity operations in New York, Palo Alto, Stockholm, London, Munich, Amsterdam and Hong Kong. Visit Investor AB at: www.investorab.com

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