

**Utfors' Annual Report & Accounts 2000:**

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***Utfors opens debate on broadband services of the future***

Utfors is publishing today its annual report & accounts for the year 2000 - a year that was characterized by the completion of the fibre network and the sales start of Utfors' services, primarily the IP port.

*"The strong development of direct services that we have observed during 2000 is forecasted to continue during 2001. After the expected calm beginning of the year, I have noted with satisfaction strong sales growth during March, enabling me to be very optimistic for continued growth in sales", comments Jan Werne, President & CEO of Utfors AB.*

**Utfors leads the broadband debate**

There has been a lot of debate about broadband during recent years, leading to Utfors' annual report & accounts containing a new approach, whereby a number of players have been given space to debate the most important questions on the subject, like for example Mikael Ek from our competitor, Telia.

The annual report & accounts also contain a summary description of the communications services market, and a complete report of how Utfors is working towards its goal to supply the market's most cost-effective and high quality communications services.

The annual report & accounts are now available and can be ordered at [www.utfors.se](http://www.utfors.se)

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*Utfors is the natural Nordic partner for high quality fixed and mobile broadband, Internet and telephony services. Utfors is launching a network with the cutting-edge of global technology, providing unique cost advantages. In this network, Utfors offers companies, public authorities and private individuals revolutionary services that create new opportunities for progress and creativity. Utfors will be linking the 75 largest cities in the Nordic Region with a 7100 km long broadband network. Utfors employs approximately 315 people in Stockholm, Oslo, Helsingfors, Uppsala, Gothenburg, Linköping, Helsingborg, Malmö and Överkalix. Utfors AB's principal owners are Norsk Vekst and Litorina Kapital as well as a number of institutional investors.*