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Ratos completes offer for Atle

On 19 February this year, Ratos and the British company 3i made an offer for all the shares in Atle. Since the offer has been accepted by approximately 97% of Atle's shareholders, all the conditions for the offer have been met.

The deal means that Ratos will acquire a total of 13 new holdings from Atle corresponding to a value of SEK 3.2 billion. The new holdings in Ratos's portfolio are:

New holdings	Operations	Holding
Arcorus	Hydraulic systems	49%
DIAB	Sandwich constructions	48%
Gadelius	Engineering-oriented Japanese trading house	50%
Haendig	Distributor of construction, iron and industrial products	49%
Haglöfs	Outdoor clothing and equipment	100%
Hilding Anders	Bedding products and solutions	28%
HL Display	Products for retail display	29%
Intervect (former Alimak + Hek Int)	Transport equipment	50%
Kronans Droghandel	Pharmaceuticals distributor	49%
Martinsson Gruppen	IT consultants	50%
Programmera	IT consultants	46%
Sweden On Line	Cable television operator	50%

In addition, Ratos will acquire a so-called "joint portfolio" containing some 20 small companies from Atle.

The new holdings will be consolidated in the Ratos Group as from 1 May, 2001.

Additional information about the Atle offer can be found in the joint press release from Ratos and 3i.

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Financial calendar 2001:

<i>Interim Report, Q1</i>	<i>9 May</i>
<i>Interim Report, Q2</i>	<i>24 August</i>
<i>Interim Report, Q3</i>	<i>13 November</i>

Ratos, one of Sweden's oldest and largest private equity companies, is listed on Stockholmsbörsen. Ratos's business concept is to maximise shareholder value through the professional and responsible management of its investments, including an active involvement in the governance of its portfolio companies. The net asset value of Ratos's investments amounts to approximately SEK 9bn. The company's current holdings include Camfil, Capona, Dahl, DataVis, Esselte, Exceed, Q-Labs, Superfos, Telelogic and Telia Overseas.