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New General Manager for Merita Bank London Branch

Jörgen Sigward has been appointed General Manager of MeritaNordbanken Group London Branch.

Mr. Sigward, who is currently Deputy Head of International, will officially assume his new responsibilities on May 1, 1999, when the present General Manager of the London Branch, Hannu Linnoinen, returns to Helsinki to resume his duties as Head of Capital Markets.

As of the beginning of next year, Mr. Sigward will already devote part of his time to providing information on the operations of the London Branch to regional banks and branches in Finland and Sweden.