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Swedbank sells portions of holding in Hansapank to Bank Handlowy

The leading Polish bank, Bank Handlowy – via its subsidiary, Handlowy Investments – will enter as a stakeholder in the Estonian bank, Hansapank, by purchasing 4,000,000 shares from Swedbank. The deal forms part of the aspiration of the banks involved to develop collaboration alliances within the Nordic countries and the Baltic region. Swedbank is already a stakeholder in Bank Handlowy.

With the deal with Swedbank, Handlowy Investments will own 5.07 percent of the shares in Hansapank. Following the sale and the ew share issues in Hansapank, which were decided during the fall, Swedbank's ownership will be 49.98 percent.

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