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FöreningsSparbanken acquiring an additional 5 per cent of FI-Holding

FöreningsSparbanken (Swedbank) will acquire an additional 5 per cent of the shares in FI-Holding, thereby increasing its holding of the shares of that Danish credit institution from 69,7 per cent to 74,7 per cent.

The acquisition will be effected through the utilisation by Parnib Deelnemingen B.V., of an option to sell 50 per cent of its holding to FöreningsSparbanken. By contract, FöreningsSparbanken will pay DKK 372 million for 49 950 shares.

Finansinstituttet for Industri og Håndværk (FIH), a wholly owned FI-Holding subsidiary, is a leading figure in the Danish corporate market, with 5,000 medium and larger companies as customers, among them 116 of the country's 200 foremost industrial corporations.

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