

Handelsbanken

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Press release

Handelsbanken has repurchased over 11.5 million shares to date

Up to 31st August 2000 inclusive, Handelsbanken has repurchased 11 547 300 shares comprising 1 664 400 Class A shares and 9 882 900 Class B shares. The total number of shares in Handelsbanken is 714 746 940.

Background

On 14 April 2000, the Annual General Meeting and Board of Svenska Handelsbanken decided to repurchase 50 million of the Bank's class A and/or class B ordinary shares during the period until the next Annual General Meeting in 2001. The acquisitions are to be carried out on the OM Stockholm Exchange at the market price prevailing at the time of acquisition, and for a maximum of SEK 4 billion.

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