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Utfors's top transfer rates now available in Finland

The Nordic telecom and Internet operator Utfors is entering the Finnish market: sale of its services will start on Tuesday, February 13. Utfors's fiber network will be completed in Finland in the end of March and the delivery of subscriber connections will begin on Monday, April 2.

Utfors specializes in the following telecom services: IP-port, Corporate Connect and Co-location. Utfors's range of services also includes Internet links, virtual networking of data communication (VPN, intranet and extranet) and voice traffic (a fixed telephone link and virtual networking of voice traffic). Traditionally data communication, Internet and voice traffic have been three separate services, but Utfors offers its customers these services with the same subscriber connection.

Owing to its unique network structure, Utfors can provide an uncongested service, meaning that the entire capacity ordered by the customer is always available. Utfors guarantees that the network's capacity exceeds at all times the total capacity of the subscriber connections.

"Utfors's Business Broadband removes the obstacles to data communication. Utfors offers 10–50 times more capacity for the same price. Our service enables customers to find innovative new solutions for their business, says Utfors Finland's Managing Director **Thomas Tallqvist**.

. In Finland the company will focus on customer companies employing over 10 people. The strategy in Finland is to advance by networking.

The Finnish operations have been launched in the Helsinki metropolitan area and Hanko. In the second half of this year, operations will expand to Turku and Tampere and in 2002 to Jyväskylä and Oulu.

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