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Swedbank acquiring an additional 2.5 per cent of FI-Holding

Swedbank will acquire an additional 2.5 per cent of the shares in FI-Holding, thereby increasing its holding of the shares of that Danish credit institution from 62.2 per cent to 64.7 per cent.

The acquisition will be effected through the utilisation by Lønmodtagernes Dyrtidsfond, LD, of an option to sell 25 per cent of its holding to Swedbank. By contract, Swedbank will pay over DKK 170 million for 25,000 shares.

Finansinstitutet for Industri og Håndværk (FIH), a wholly owned FI-Holding subsidiary, is a leading figure in the Danish corporate market, with 6,000 medium and larger companies as customers — among them 116 of the country's 200 foremost industrial corporations.

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