

Atea makes strategic acquisitions and forms the leading independent provider of IT-infrastructure solutions.

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By acquiring Martinsson (Sweden), WM-data High Availability Server & Storage (Norway), WM-data Servers & Storage (Denmark) Atea break new grounds in IT-infrastructure. The Nordic companies' offer will supplement each other and give the customers of Atea *one* provider in all aspects of their investment in IT-infrastructure. The new Atea becomes the Nordic regions leading *vendor independent* provider of IT-infrastructure.

- The market increasingly calls for a vendor offering to relieve pressure within IT-infrastructure and hence free resources to enable optimised use of IT, states Atea CEO Sebastian Lindström. This is strategically the next step in the journey Atea started with the acquisitions of Swedish WM-data System Platforms and Finnish companies WM-data X-Way and Novosys. At the same time we also acquire Danish WM-data Servers & Storage and Norwegian WM-data High Availability Server & Storage. Hence the conditions for a leading independent Nordic vendor are made.

Atea will after the acquisition of Martinsson consist of approx.1,500 co-workers in the whole Nordic region and have a turnover of more than 7,000 MSEK.

The acquisition requires approval from involved Competition Authorities, which is expected within four weeks.

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Atea will become the leading provider of independent IT-infrastructure in the Nordic region. Atea supports companies and organisations in increasing the use of IT by delivering products and service in all aspects of the customer's investment within IT-infrastructure. Our service includes IT-product sourcing, infrastructure solutions and managed services. Atea consists of 1,500 co-workers in the whole Nordic region and have a turnover of more than 7,000 MSEK. Ownership structure consists of international Private Equity Company 3i and WM-data holding a 48.8% share each and the board of Atea. C.E.O. will be Sebastian Lindström.