
Press Release

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Alfred Berg strengthens corporate finance franchise with hire of senior banker

Alfred Berg, the Nordic investment banking subsidiary of ABN AMRO, strengthens its Nordic corporate finance franchise with the recruitment of a senior corporate finance banker.

Henrik Hedelius joins from Storebrand Investments as Managing Director for the Swedish branch. Mr. Hedelius has 14 years of experience in financial markets, of which seven within corporate finance.

Peter Birke, Head of Corporate Finance in Sweden, said:

"The hire strengthens our origination ability in the Nordic market and increases our ability to do cross-border deals, which is one of Alfred Berg and ABN AMRO's strong competitive advantages, having a unique combination of local expertise and global reach."

Henrik Hedelius will be based in Stockholm and work as an originator, together with the 100 man strong sector team of ABN AMRO.

Alfred Berg's corporate finance franchise was no 2 in the 2004 Thomson Extel ranking for top 10 book runners and global coordinators by amount raised in the Nordic region.

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Notes to Editors:

Alfred Berg is a wholly owned subsidiary of ABN AMRO, the Netherlands-based international bank with total assets of EUR 608.6 bln (as at 31 December 2004). It has over 3,000 branches in more than 60 countries and territories, and has a staff of about 100,000 full-time equivalents worldwide. ABN AMRO is listed on the Euronext and New York stock exchanges.

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