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Nordbanken Holding to be listed on the Helsinki Exchanges

The Helsinki Exchanges has approved the application for the listing of Nordbanken Holding Ab (publ) shares and convertible bonds on the main list of the HSE and subscription receipts on the prelist. Further information will be published as soon as the necessary registrations have been made with the relevant authorities.

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