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## **Press Release**

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### **ABN AMRO strengthens Nordic equities franchise with senior hires**

ABN AMRO today announced the appointments of a series of Equities hires as it continues to focus on combining its Nordic platform with the Bank's suite of international Equities products.

Carl Eckerdal joins in September as senior Retail analyst covering the Nordic countries. Eckerdal, who has nine years experience in research, was previously Head of forward looking statements at the Swedish Research Institute of Trade in Stockholm.

Jeff Saul and Bo Andresen join from Enskilda Securities. Saul has been appointed Head of Research in Denmark, and Andresen as Senior Equities Analyst in the Copenhagen office. They will take up their new roles in September and October, respectively.

Jorma Torniaainen joins Nordic institutional sales to help strengthen account management of major Nordic client institutions. Torniaainen, who was previously at Opstock, has seven years experience in institutional sales. He will be based in Helsinki and begin his employment in August.

David Woods, Country Executive for Sweden and Managing Director for ABN AMRO Securities (Nordic) SE, said: "The future of Equities in the Nordics lies in delivering more sophisticated products to our clients than in the past. Our unique position with the Bank's international Network enables us to import these more easily than is possible for some of our competitors. Today's appointments send a strong signal about ABN AMRO's strategy for its Nordic operations and its commitment to the Region, which is one of ABN AMRO's core markets for equities products."

On 16 June, Alfred Berg's Nordic Equities franchise adopted the ABN AMRO name to give Nordic clients access to global markets, while retaining strong banking relationships within their own countries.

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#### Notes to Editors:

Netherlands-based ABN AMRO is a leading international bank with total assets of EUR 975.1 bln (as at 31 March 2006). It has over 3,500 branches in more than 60 countries and territories, and has a staff of about 105,000 full-time equivalents worldwide. ABN AMRO is listed on Euronext and the New York Stock Exchange.

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