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Leading Swedish law firms to merge

– Lindahl and RydinCarlsten create major player

The law firms of Lindahl and RydinCarlsten are set to merge, creating a firm employing 200 corporate lawyers. The new firm will be a major player, offering a broad range of expertise, the capacity to manage the largest deals and cutting-edge skills adapted to meet the needs of modern, knowledge-intensive businesses.

The merger will create a strong national presence with long experience of international deals, possessing the know-how and resources to provide a full range of legal services.

"The merger will enable us to develop our skills and capacity in the field of intellectual property, dispute resolution and transactions - areas of growing importance to our clients," says Staffan Eklöv, Managing Partner at Lindahl's Stockholm office.

Lindahl is Sweden's third-largest law firm and one of the country's leading practitioners of transaction-driven law. RydinCarlsten is renowned in Sweden and abroad for its unique expertise in the field of intellectual property law and arbitration.

"We complement one another. Together we will acquire a breadth and depth of expertise that will give us a unique ability to meet the high demands of modern and knowledge-intensive businesses," explains Jonas Westerberg, Managing Partner of RydinCarlsten.

The merger will take place on 1 February 2009. The new firm will be called Lindahl and is expected to have a turnover of SEK 500 million in 2009.

Facts

Advokatfirman Lindahl is Sweden's third-largest law firm, with offices in Stockholm, Gothenburg, Helsingborg, Malmö, Uppsala and Örebro.

RydinCarlsten is a business law firm employing some 40 corporate lawyers. The firm is considered to be a leading Swedish practitioner in the field of intellectual property (patents, trade marks, copyright, etc) and dispute resolution.

Following the merger Lindahl will employ over 300 people and is expected to have a turnover of SEK 500 million, making it Sweden's third-largest law firm measured both in number of employees and fee revenues. According to Mergermarket, Lindahl is also Sweden's third-largest transaction-driven law firm in terms of the number of deals in which it has been involved.

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