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## **Robert Bergqvist new Chief Economist at SEB**

**After close to 13 years as chief economist at SEB, Klas Eklund assumes a newly established position as senior economist at the bank, leaving his prognosis responsibility and managerial position for economic analysis. The new chief economist is Robert Bergqvist, currently heading SEB's analytical unit Trading Strategy.**

Robert Bergqvist is given the assignment to further integrate the financial analysis with the macroeconomic analysis. Klas Eklund will continue to partake in larger client events, while focusing more on national analysis of globalisation, climate issues and long term growth.

Robert Bergqvist is currently responsible for SEB's market oriented currency, interest, and credit analysis and has been with the bank for the past ten years. Prior to SEB, Bergqvist spent nine years at the Central Bank of Sweden (Sveriges Riksbank) dealing with monetary and exchange rate policy decisions, international central banks cooperation and balance of payments analysis.

- We are now building an effective platform for analysis at SEB based on a very interesting mix of passionate people with valuable experience, characteristics and competences. Analysis of economies and the economic policies, personal economy and the financial markets – both domestic and global – are in focus. SEB's clients shall meet an increased accessibility and visibility both in terms of analysis and economists. And I want us to surprise and exceed our clients' expectations, says Robert Bergqvist.

Bergqvist and Eklund assume their respective positions on 1 July.

The SEB Group is a North European financial group for 400,000 corporate customers and institutions, and 5 million private customers. SEB has local presence in the Nordic and Baltic countries, Germany, Poland, the Ukraine and Russia and has a global presence through its international network in another 10 countries. On 31 December 2006, the Group's total assets amounted to SEK 1,934bn while its assets under management totalled SEK 1,262bn. The Group has about 20,000 employees. Read more about SEB at [www.sebgroup.com](http://www.sebgroup.com).

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