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PRESS RELEASE

SEB rated best Trade Finance Bank in the Nordic Region, Sweden and Lithuania

SEB has been named Best Trade Finance Bank and Provider in the Nordic Region, Sweden and Lithuania by Global Finance's survey to be published in February.

"I am very proud that we have won this award - it is a testament to our competence and strength in the Trade Finance area in our home markets," says Lars Millberg, Global head of Trade Finance.

The Global Finance Magazine survey ranks the performance of the trade finance community on a yearly basis. The selection criteria included transaction volume, scope of global coverage, customer service, competitive pricing and innovative technologies. With input from industry analysts, corporate executives and technology experts, Global Finance editors selected the best trade finance providers in 67 countries or regions.

SEB is a North European financial group serving some 400,000 corporate customers and institutions and five million private individuals. SEB has a local presence in the Nordic and Baltic countries, Germany, the Ukraine and Russia, and a global presence through its international network in another ten countries. On 30 September 2007, the Group's total assets amounted to SEK 2,149bn while its assets under management totalled SEK 1,385bn. The Group has about 20,000 employees. Read more about SEB at www.sebgroup.com.

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