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SEB named Nordic Financial Advisor of the Year at The 2009 Financial Times and Mergermarket European M&A Awards

SEB Enskilda has been voted as 2009 Nordic Financial Advisor of the Year at the Financial Times and Mergermarket European M&A Awards announced in London on December 9th. The Awards utilise both M&A transaction data and independent expert opinion from a panel of leading European M&A practitioners.

SEB Enskilda has long held a leading and unique position in Nordic M&A through its strength and depth in each of the relevant Nordic markets.

This award follows SEB Enskilda's success in the survey on Nordic corporate finance recently published by Prospera. In this survey, SEB Enskilda is ranked as the number one corporate finance advisor among the largest corporate finance clients in all four Nordic countries as well as being top ranked for overall performance for the Nordic region among both local and international advisors.

In addition to this ranking, SEB Enskilda was named as the best M&A advisor in the Nordic and Baltic regions by the finance industry magazine, Euromoney, in August this year.

SEB is a Northern European financial group serving some 400,000 corporate customers and institutions and five million private individuals. SEB offers universal banking services in Sweden, Germany and the three Baltic countries - Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. It also has a local presence in the other Nordic countries, Ukraine and Russia and a global presence through its international network in leading financial centres. On September 30, 2009, the Group's total assets amounted to SEK 2,233 billion and its assets under management totalled SEK 1,295 billion. The SEB Group has about 20,000 employees. Read more about SEB at www.sebgroup.com.

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