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PRESS RELEASE

## **New Country Manager and Head of SEB Unibanka in Latvia**

**Ainars Ozols, currently head of Retail Banking in SEB Unibanka and deputy Chairman of the Management Board, has been appointed new Head of SEB Unibanka, CEO and Chairman of the Management Board. Ozols will succeed Viesturs Neimanis who after 13 years in the bank, 3,5 of them as CEO, has decided to leave his position. Neimanis will remain in his current position as SEB Country Manager and Head of SEB Unibanka and assume his new role on 1 July when he takes on a new position as Senior Advisor to Ozols and SEB Unibanka's Management Board.**

Charlotte Hagberg, former Head of Region West within SEB Retail Banking in Sweden, is appointed as new Head of Retail Banking in SEB Unibanka. Hagberg will take on her new position on August 20 but will work beside Ainars Ozols already from the beginning of June.

Head of Retail Banking division Bo Magnusson, says:

"Viesturs Neimanis has successfully aligned the Latvian operation. He has developed and matured SEB Unibanka to a full scale universal bank by bringing our full product competence and offering also to our customers in Latvia. I'm pleased that he with his long experience of banking will stay as a Senior Advisor and guarantee continuity. At the same time I'm pleased that Ainars Ozols with a strong business commitment and a deep knowledge of SEB and SEB Unibanka, will take over the responsibility for SEB in Latvia."

Ainars Ozols has worked in SEB Unibanka since the bank was founded 1993. Ozols became a member of the Management Board 1999 and 2004 he was appointed deputy Chairman of the Management Board.

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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