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## **SEB top ranked by Euromoney – winner of nine categories**

**In the financial publication Euromoney's Awards for Excellence 2008 SEB has won nine awards – three awards for the Nordic and Baltic region and six country awards.**

SEB was ranked no. 1 in the following categories:

- Best Bank in Sweden
- Best Equities House in the Nordic & Baltic region
- Best Mergers & Acquisition House in the Nordic & Baltic region
- Best Cash Management in the Nordic & Baltic region
- Best Mergers & Acquisition House in Sweden
- Best Mergers & Acquisition House in Norway
- Best Equities House in Estonia
- Best Mergers & Acquisition House in Latvia
- Best Equities House in Lithuania

Euromoney's motivation for the Best Bank in Sweden was the strength and breadth in practically all areas of the bank - from life insurance to retail and merchant banking.

SEB has held the position of best Merger & Acquisitions House and Equities House in the Nordic countries for many years, and has now received the same award for the geographically enlarged category, the Nordic and Baltic region. According to Euromoney, SEB's breadth of activities is demonstrated by the 47 completed Mergers & Acquisition transactions on which it was adviser during the judged period and its leading market share (7.8 per cent) in equity trading on the Nordic and Baltic stock exchanges.

This is the fifth consecutive year that SEB has received the award for Best Cash Management in the Nordic & Baltic region. The reason for the award according to Euromoney is SEB's expanded presence in 27 European countries, its impressive market share among Nordic multinationals and innovative solutions such as the Cash Management Value Chain.

SEB is a North 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 Baltic countries – Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. It also has local presence in the other Nordic countries, Poland, Ukraine and

Russia and a global presence through its international network in another ten countries. On 31 March 2008, the Group's total assets amounted to SEK 2,399bn (EUR 251bn) while its assets under management totalled SEK 1,331bn (EUR 149bn). The Group has about 20,000 employees. Read more about SEB at [www.sebgroup.com](http://www.sebgroup.com).

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