

Handelsbanken

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Handelsbanken has sold its holding in SCA (publ)

Handelsbanken has divested 15,145,124 class A shares in Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget, SCA (publ), corresponding to 2.1 per cent of the capital and 10.3 per cent of the voting rights.

This transaction means that the Bank will report a capital gain of approximately SEK 1.2 billion, which will have a positive impact on the Bank's earnings in the fourth quarter of 2015. The divestment will not result in any increase in the Bank's equity, as the shares were recognised as an AFS asset at market value in the Bank's accounts.

As a result of the sale, risk-weighted assets will decrease and the expected impact on the Bank's common equity tier 1 ratio is estimated at 0.4 percentage points.

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