

Press release

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Announcement by the Board of Handelsbanken

Carina Åkerström appointed new President and Group Chief Executive

The Board of Handelsbanken has appointed Carina Åkerström as President and Group Chief Executive of Svenska Handelsbanken AB (publ). Carina Åkerström takes up her new position at Handelsbanken's annual general meeting on 27 March and succeeds the present Group Chief Executive, Anders Bouvin, who will be retiring.

"We have conducted a good recruitment process which has yielded a successful result. Qualified internal and external candidates have been evaluated. All members of the Board have been deeply involved and we have also sought the advice of external experts. The choice of Carina Åkerström rests on a very solid, stable foundation, in view of her track record and excellent results over a long period of time," says Pär Boman, Chairman of the Board.

Carina Åkerström started as an employee of the Kalmar branch in 1986 and has since had a number of positions at the Bank. In 2008, she was appointed Executive Vice President and since 2016 has had the role of Deputy Group Chief Executive of the Bank where her responsibilities included the Bank's Large Corporate customers and the Bank's overall business operations in the Stockholm region.

"I am delighted and proud of the trust the Board is placing in me. This is a very fine bank which I have got to know well during my 30 plus years here. I truly look forward to continuing to develop the Bank together with all my fantastic colleagues. We have a great deal of power in our decentralised work method, not least due to the intuitive skills and deep local knowledge at our branches," says Carina Åkerström.

Carina Åkerström takes up this position at the annual general meeting on 27 March and in conjunction with acceding to her new position, she is issuing an invitation to a media and analyst meeting, as described in the appendix.

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Appendices:

1. Invitation to media and analyst meeting on 28 March.
2. Brief presentation and CV.
3. Photo material

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