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# Mekonomen publishes prospectus and preliminary information regarding the third quarter 2018

The prospectus relating to Mekonomen Aktiebolag's (publ) ("Mekonomen" or the "Company") rights issue of approximately 1,621 MSEK has been approved and registered by the Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority. In order to provide the best possibilities for Mekonomen's shareholders to make a fair assessment of the Company ahead of the rights issue, the prospectus contains certain preliminary information regarding the third quarter 2018 in accordance with the below.

### Prospectus

The prospectus and application forms for subscription without preferential right can be obtained from Mekonomen and Nordea and are available at Mekomomen's website, www.mekonomen.com, at Nordea's website, www.nordea.se and at SEB's website, www.sebgroup.com/prospectuses. Pre-printed issue statements and payment instructions will also be sent by mail to Mekonomen's directly registered shareholders.

#### Preliminary information regarding the third quarter 2018

The prospectus that is made public today includes the following information regarding the current trading position that has not been made public before.

Excluding the recently acquired companies FTZ<sup>1</sup> and Inter-Team<sup>2</sup>, sales are expected to be higher than the third quarter 2017 and EBIT, excluding items affecting comparability and acquisitions costs, is broadly in line with 2017 for the third quarter. FTZ and IT will be included from September in the Q3 2018 report.

Based on internal monthly reports for July and August 2018, Mekonomen management concludes that Mekonomen Group's operational performance for the third quarter 2018 will be negatively affected by an unusually warm summer (resulting in more workshops being closed and also closed for a longer period than in 2017), currency effects and an increased number of own workshops.

The third quarter 2017 was positively affected by items affecting comparability and hence the third quarter 2018 will be negatively affected by comparison.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> FTZ Autodele & Værktøj A/S ("FTZ").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> INTER-TEAM Sp.z.o.o. ("Inter-Team").

#### Financial and legal advisors

Mekonomen has in connection with the rights issue appointed Nordea Bank AB (publ) and Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) as financial advisors and Hannes Snellman Attorney Ltd has been engaged as legal advisor.

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This information is such information that Mekonomen AB (publ) is obliged to make public pursuant to the EU Market Abuse Regulation.

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Mekonomen Group consists of the leading automotive spare-parts chains in the northern Europe; FTZ, Inter-team, MECA, Mekonomen och Sørensen og Balchen, with proprietary wholesale operations, over 450 stores and 3,300 workshops operating under the Group brands. We offer a wide and easily accessible range of inexpensive and innovative solutions and products for consumers and companies.

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