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## **SEB notes speculation on potential capital issuance**

SEB notes speculations in the market in respect of potential capital issuance. SEB confirms that a capital increase is considered with support of its core shareholder base, but no decision has been taken. A statement on this matter will be made in due course.

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 30 September 2008, the Group's total assets amounted to SEK 2,416bn (~EUR 237bn) while its assets under management totalled SEK 1,244bn (~EUR 122bn). The Group has about 22,000 employees. Read more about SEB at [www.sebgroup.com](http://www.sebgroup.com).

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