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## Due to strong interest, SAS increases the potential private placement from approximately SEK 1 billion to approximately SEK 1.25 billion

In a stock exchange announcement earlier today, SAS AB (publ) informed that it was evaluating the preconditions for carrying out a private placement of common shares for approximately SEK 1 billion. As a result of strong investor interest, SAS has decided to increase the volume of the potential issue to approximately SEK 1.25 billion.

The increase of the potential issue is within the scope of the authorization given by the Extraordinary General Meeting on November 3, 2017, which authorizes the issue of not more than 66 million common shares corresponding to almost 20 percent of the current number of common shares outstanding. The authorization granted by the Extraordinary General Meeting authorizes the Board of Directors to decide on a private placement, with deviation from the preferential rights of shareholders, to a number of selected Scandinavian and international institutional investors, as well as anchor investors and other investors whose participation, as deemed by the Board of Directors, would be beneficial for the successful implementation of the share issue.

SAS intends to use any issue proceeds raised to strengthen its shareholders' equity and commence future redemption of preference shares from February 2018. Strengthening shareholders' equity would also enable SAS to obtain improved terms and conditions for the financing of forthcoming aircraft investments and the refinancing of maturing loans.

Following the potential completion of a new share issue, SAS has agreed to a six months lock-up undertaking to not issue common shares after the private placement, subject to certain provisions in the Articles of Association of SAS and exemptions in accordance with market practice.

Nordea Bank AB (publ), SpareBank 1 Markets AS (Joint Global Coordinators and Joint Bookrunners) and HSBC Bank plc (Joint Bookrunner) have been appointed to evaluate the preconditions for conducting a private placement.

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