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Merger between Keystone Advisers and MCF Corporate Finance present new opportunities for Swedish companies

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Keystone MCF, the result of a merger between Keystone Advisers and the German-Finnish-UK MCF Corporate Finance, is now in a unique position to connect Swedish, Finnish, British and German mid-cap companies wanting to grow through acquisitions.

The new Group consists of more than 40 corporate finance professionals in four offices – Sweden, Germany, Finland and England, and expects to advise in more than 30 transactions annually. By combining the strong network MCF has in Germany, Finland and the UK, with the position that Keystone Advisers has in Sweden, Keystone MCF will strengthen its offering towards mid-cap companies in Northern Europe.

“Over the last 16 years, Keystone has established itself as a leading mid-cap M&A advisor in Sweden. We are now excited to strengthen our position further by becoming part of a truly international firm. The new set-up will enhance our offering towards clients interested in selling their companies to international buyers, or wanting to grow through acquisitions abroad. As Keystone MCF, we are now able to link Swedish, German, UK and Finnish mid-cap companies in a way that, up until now, had only been possible for the largest companies”, says Andreas Stenbäck, Head of Stockholm office and Partner at MCF Corporate Finance.

MCF Corporate Finance, originally derived from Enskilda (SEB) in Germany, has become a specialist in the Northern European markets. It has managed to establish a strong position in Finland and will, together with Keystone, use the same model for Sweden.

“It is notoriously difficult for Swedish mid-cap companies to acquire German companies or enter the German market, as access to corporate information is scarce in Germany. You need the right introduction to get into discussions with the CEO, the board or the owner and that requires a solid network and local presence. Therefore, I am very pleased to announce that Keystone MCF can now offer that to Swedish mid-cap companies, as well as access to Finnish and UK corporates and investors”, says Hans-Christoph Stadel, Managing Partner at MCF Corporate Finance.

Carl-Diedric “Icke” Hamilton has been appointed Chairman of the Board of Keystone MCF. He has great experience, having previously been CEO of Enskilda (SEB), Alfred Berg and Lancelot. He was also one of the founders of Enskilda Securities in London.

The company name “Keystone MCF” will only be used in Sweden, whilst “MCF Corporate Finance” will be retained in the other markets. By being an international and partner owned firm, the

company distinguishes itself from many international mid-cap M&A advisory networks. Andreas Stenbäck and Nils-Petter Palmefors are new Partners with MCF Corporate Finance, while the other previous Keystone Advisers partners, Jonus Bartholdson, Anders Boajé and Tobias Wikström, will act as Senior Advisers.

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