

**Danish Securities Dealers Association (DSDA)
Federation of Finnish Financial Services (FFFS)
Norwegian Securities Dealers Association (NSDA)
Swedish Securities Dealers Association (SSDA)**

Nordic securities dealers associations create 'Nordic Securities Association' to strengthen cooperation

The Danish Securities Dealers Association, Federation of Finnish Financial Services, Norwegian Securities Dealers Association and Swedish Securities Dealers Association are pleased to announce the creation of 'Nordic Securities Association' (NSA).

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By creating Nordic Securities Association, the Associations formalise a long standing cooperation between them. Through the Nordic Securities Association, the Associations are strengthening their cooperation in order to enhance the common voice, considering the important changes in the securities market infrastructure and the global review of the financial regulatory system.

Nordic Securities Association will focus primarily on such stakeholders as regulated markets, clearing and settlement providers and supervisors in the Nordic market, but also on European and International issues of common interest. Furthermore, Nordic Securities Association will work to promote harmonisation of rules and recommendations, as well as supervision in the Nordic region.

The new elected chair of Nordic Securities Association and of the Danish Securities Dealers Association, Steen Blaafalk, is very pleased that the cooperation among the associations has now been formalised. Steen Blaafalk said:

"Given the increasing role that European and international institutions play in the field of securities markets and the market infrastructure, it is important to strengthen the safeguarding of the Nordic interests. By creating Nordic Securities Association, the Nordic securities industry will be in a better position to act on important issues of supra-national dimensions".

The formation of the new association has also been greeted by other market associations:

Jonathan Taylor, Director General of the London Investment Banking Association which works closely with the Nordic associations, welcomed the creation of a common Nordic voice.

"Formalising the co-operation between the Nordic dealers associations in this way is an obvious step to take, and will strengthen the effectiveness of their advocacy both in Europe and more widely".

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Members of Nordic Securities Association's board are:

Chair Steen Blaafook, Senior Executive Vice President, Danske Bank and chairman of DSDA

Søren Gade, Executive Director, DSDA

Antti Mäkinen, Chief Executive Officer, eQ Corporation, Finland

Markku Savikko, Director, FFFS

Per-Ove Breivold, Chief Operating Officer, AGB Sundal Collier ASA and chairman of NSDA

Per Broch Mathisen, Managing Director, NSDA

Mikael Ericson, Chief Executive Officer, Carnegie Investment Bank AB and chairman of SSSA

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A website for the new organisation will be launched shortly.

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