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Swedish high-level finance executives join Advisory Board

Stockholm Sustainable Finance Centre (SSFC), whose mission is to support financial actors in shifting capital to implement the global sustainability agenda, is today announcing its Advisory Board. Joining the board are high-level executives from banks and pension funds, and experts on sustainable finance.

Members of the Advisory Board of the Stockholm Sustainable Finance Centre:

Magnus Billing, CEO Alecta

Maria Håkansson, CEO Swedfund

Joachim Alpen, Head of Large Corporates & Financial Institutions SEB

Liza Jonson, CEO Swedbank Robur

Erik Berglöf, Professor London School of Economics (LSE), Director of the Institute of Global Affairs

Anna Ryott, Chair of the Board Summa Equity, Private Equity

Jens Henriksson, CEO Folksam Group

Harald Mix, Managing Partner Altor, Private Equity

Lars Strannegård, Professor & President Stockholm School of Economics

The members of SSFC Advisory Board are appointed for two years with the possibility of an additional two-year term renewal. The Board will support, advise, guide and direct the Centre based on its annual plans and overall strategy.

Magnus Billing, CEO of Alecta, Sweden's largest pension fund, has been appointed Chair. Recently the Financial Times described Magnus as relaxed, unflashy and thoughtful.

"We have an excellent line-up for the Advisory Board, with high-level professionals from different areas in finance. Their diverse backgrounds and expertise will support the Centre's ambition to push the boundaries in sustainable finance in Sweden and beyond," said Magnus Billing.

Stockholm Sustainable Finance Centre aims to accelerate and promote the shift in capital investments required to deliver on the UN Sustainable Development Goals and Paris Agreement climate targets. The Centre is an agile platform that shapes, tailors and delivers expertise in sustainable finance to bring about clear positive impacts. The Centre aims to be a go-to partner for impartial research, knowledge, and capacity building on current and future issues in sustainable finance.

"Our hope is that the Board's members will be ambassadors for the Centre and promote our activities and results as relevant for the financial community. Their network and expertise will help us engage in the most pressing issues in sustainable finance," said Aaron Maltais, Programme Director of SSFC and Research Fellow at Stockholm Environment Institute.

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About

Launched at the end of 2017, with the support of the Government of Sweden, the Centre performs demand-driven research and pushes the frontiers in sustainable finance. Its first executive education programme will start at the end of 2018.

Current research focuses on overcoming critical barriers in investment analysis to allow for better alignment between sustainability and financial priorities. The Centre also aims to gain a deeper understanding of how the financial sector can catalyze new investments in low-carbon and climate-resilient solutions.

SSFC works in close cooperation with Stockholm Green Digital Finance, a change agent in fintech to help deliver innovations in the financial sector in Sweden and beyond.

[Stockholm Sustainable Finance Centre](#) is a unique initiative by the Swedish Government, [Stockholm Environment Institute](#) (SEI) and [Stockholm School of Economics](#) (SSE). It brings together a highly ranked institute working on environmental impact and broader sustainable development issues, a leading research university in financial markets and economics and a national government.

