

## Íslandsbanki hf.: Íslandsbanki to commence preliminary discussions with Kvika banki

The Board of Directors believes that a combination of the two companies could offer opportunities for increased operational efficiency and value creation, providing customers with a wider range of products, increased services and lower costs. A successful combination would increase Íslandsbanki's balance sheet by close to 20% and Kvika's insurance operations would diversify the Bank's income base. The Bank's Board of Directors believes that the combination could provide benefits to shareholders and customers of both companies.

The two banks are competitors in important markets, and Íslandsbanki emphasizes that the two banks will maintain competitive independence throughout the negotiation process. The Bank will also maintain open and transparent communication with the relevant supervisory bodies throughout the process.

A combination of the two companies is subject to the approval of the relevant supervisory authorities and shareholders of both companies.

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