

BHG Group has carried out a directed new issue of 39,024,390 shares, raising proceeds of SEK 800 million

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BHG Group AB (publ) ("BHG" or the "Company") (Nasdaq Stockholm: BHG) has successfully carried out a directed new issue of 39,024,390 shares, at a subscription price of SEK 20.50 per share, raising proceeds of approximately SEK 800 million (the "Share Issue"). The subscription price was determined through an accelerated bookbuilding procedure conducted by Carnegie Investment Bank AB (publ) ("Carnegie"), Danske Bank A/S, Danmark, Sverige Filial ("Danske Bank") and Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB ("SEB") as Joint Bookrunners. The Share Issue was oversubscribed and a large number of Swedish and international institutional investors, as well as certain existing shareholders, participated in the Share Issue. Part of the Share Issue is subject to the subsequent approval of an extraordinary general meeting, and a separate notice will be published within short.

The board of directors of BHG has, as indicated in the Company's press release earlier today, resolved on a directed new issue of 39,024,390 shares, at a subscription price of SEK 20.50 per share, consequently raising proceeds of approximately SEK 800 million before transaction costs. 35,052,293 shares are issued based on the authorisation from the annual general meeting held on 5 May 2022, and the remaining 3,972,097 shares are issued subject to the subsequent approval of an extraordinary general meeting. The reason thereto is that the issue authorisation comprised a maximum of 35,052,293 shares.

The purpose of the Share Issue is to increase financial flexibility to support future growth initiatives and strengthen the Company's financial position by reducing net debt. In the Company's interim report for the third quarter 2022, it was communicated that BHG expects a challenging market environment over the next 12–18 months. The Company preliminarily believes that the order intake for the period October–November 2022 including Black Week has developed broadly in line with the organic sales development in the third quarter 2022. Going forward BHG remains committed to leverage its market leading positions with a strong focus on profitability and cash flows.

The board of directors has carefully considered the option to carry out a rights issue in order to raise the requisite proceeds. In the evaluation, the board of directors has considered, among other things, the following factors: a rights issue, compared to the Share Issue (i) would be significantly more time consuming, which would lead to risks that the Company loses potential growth opportunities, (ii) would entail higher total costs for the Company, mainly due to procurement of a guarantee consortium, (iii) would expose the Company to market volatility, especially considering

current market conditions, and (iv) likely would have had to be made at a lower subscription price, to the disadvantage of all the Company's shareholders. In addition, the board of directors considers it positive that the Company's shareholder base, through the Share Issue, will be further diversified with Swedish and international institutional investors, which is also considered to be positive for the share's liquidity. Against this background, the board of directors' overall assessment is that the reasons for carrying out the Share Issue in this manner outweigh, in this particular case, the principal rule that new share issues shall be carried out with pre-emptive rights for existing shareholders, and that a new share issue with deviation from the shareholders' pre-emptive rights is in the interest of the Company and all shareholders.

To ensure that the Share Issue was carried out at market terms, the board of directors appointed Carnegie, Danske Bank and SEB to conduct an accelerated bookbuilding procedure to determine the subscription price. As the subscription price was determined through an accelerated bookbuilding procedure, it is the board of directors' assessment that the subscription price accurately reflects current market conditions and demand.

Investors in the Share Issue were a large number of Swedish and international institutional investors. In addition, as earlier communicated, the Company's largest shareholders EQT, Ferd and Vitruvian participated in the Share Issue with a significant amount.

The Share Issue entails a dilution of approximately 21.8 percent of the number of shares and votes in BHG. The number of shares and votes in BHG will thereby increase by 39,024,390, from 140,209,173 to 179,233,563. The share capital in the Company will increase by SEK 1,170,731.70, from SEK 4,206,275.19 to SEK 5,377,006.89.

The Company has, in favour of Carnegie, Danske Bank and SEB, subject to customary exemptions, agreed not to issue further shares for a period of 180 calendar days from the first settlement date of the Share Issue. In addition, the Company's board of directors and senior executives have, in favour of Carnegie, Danske Bank and SEB, agreed not to divest any shares in BHG during a period of 90 calendar days from the first settlement date of the Share Issue, subject to certain exemptions.

Part of the Share Issue resolved upon by the board of directors on the basis of the authorisation will be settled at a later stage, once a prospectus for admission to trading of shares in BHG has been approved by the Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority and made public by the Company. In order to facilitate the delivery of shares to investors in the Share Issue, Ferd has lent 9,125,999 shares to Carnegie. The borrowed shares will be returned after the corresponding number of shares have been registered with the Swedish Companies Registration Office.

Extraordinary general meeting

An extraordinary general meeting will be convened to approve the part of the Share Issue which is not based on the annual general meeting's issue authorisation. Some of the Company's existing shareholders, including EQT, Ferd and Vitruvian, together holding approximately 45 percent of the shares and votes in BHG, have expressed their intention to vote in favour thereof at the extraordinary general meeting. A separate notice to the extraordinary general meeting will be published within short.

Advisers

Carnegie, Danske Bank and SEB act as Joint Bookrunners in connection with the Share Issue. Vinge is legal adviser to the Company in connection with the Share Issue.

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Solely for the purposes of the product governance requirements contained within: (a) EU Directive 2014/65/EU on markets in financial instruments, as amended ("MiFID II"); (b) Articles 9 and 10 of Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2017/593 supplementing MiFID II; and (c) local implementing measures (together, the "MiFID II Product Governance Requirements"), and disclaiming all and any liability, whether arising in tort, contract or otherwise, which any "manufacturer" (for the purposes of the MiFID II Product Governance Requirements) may otherwise have with respect thereto, the shares in BHG have been subject to a product approval process, which has determined that such shares are: (i) compatible with an end target market of retail investors and investors who meet the criteria of professional clients and eligible counterparties, each as defined in MiFID II; and (ii) eligible for distribution through all distribution channels as are permitted by MiFID II (the "Target Market Assessment"). Notwithstanding the Target Market Assessment, Distributors should note that: the price of the shares in BHG may decline and investors could lose all or part of their investment; the shares in BHG offer no guaranteed income and no capital protection; and an investment in the shares in BHG is compatible only with investors who do not need a guaranteed income or capital protection, who (either alone or in conjunction with an appropriate financial or other adviser) are capable of evaluating the merits and risks of such an investment and who have sufficient resources to be able to bear any losses that may result therefrom. The Target Market Assessment is without prejudice to the requirements of any contractual, legal or regulatory selling restrictions in relation to the Share Issue. Furthermore, it is noted that, notwithstanding the Target Market Assessment, Carnegie, Danske Bank and SEB will only procure investors who meet the criteria of professional clients and eligible counterparties.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Target Market Assessment does not constitute: (a) an assessment of suitability or appropriateness for the purposes of MiFID II; or (b) a recommendation to any investor or group of investors to invest in, or purchase, or take any other action whatsoever with respect to the shares in BHG.

Each distributor is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the shares in BHG and determining appropriate distribution channels.

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