

# Verve Today Announced that Paul Echt will Step Down from His Role as CFO as of December 31, 2024. Christian Duus, Former CFO of Adform, has been Appointed CFO, Effective January 1, 2025

**November 28, 2024 (08:00 CET)** – Verve Group SE ("Verve" or the "Company", ISIN: SE0018538068; ticker: VER / M8G) a fast-growing, profitable digital media company that provides Al-driven advertising-software solutions, today announced that Paul Echt will step down from his role as CFO as of December 31, 2024. Christian Duus, former CFO of Adform, has been appointed CFO, effective January 1, 2025.

Christian Duus is an experienced CFO, who has worked in the ad-tech sector as CFO of Adform and previously as a management consultant for Bain & Company. He will begin his role on January 1, 2025. Paul Echt will remain in an advisory role within Verve during the first half of 2025 to ensure a smooth transition to the new CFO. Paul will advise on audit-related matters and the potential refinancing of the outstanding debt at significantly improved terms during the transition.

"We regret but understand his decision to step down and on behalf of the entire Verve team I want to thank Paul for his significant work and contribution. Paul has been an extraordinary partner in managing Verve for almost seven years. He has been instrumental in improving and driving the company's financial performance, engaging with shareholders, and implementing financial structures across every part of Verve. He has played a leading role in developing and implementing the strategy we embarked on in 2018 to transform from a pure-play gaming company into one of the leading global ad-tech companies with a strong, profitable growth profile," says Remco Westermann, CEO of Verve.

During his time as CFO, Paul enabled, through his financing expertise, essential investments and practiced robust financial discipline, which together helped the company grow its revenues by more than tenfold while increasing its profits by more than twentyfold.

"At the same time, I am excited to welcome Christian Duus as the new permanent CFO for the group from January 1, 2025, onwards. He brings vast CFO experience with deep industry knowhow and will be a strong addition to our executive team," continues Remco Westermann.

Before joining Verve, Christian Duus was with Adform, where he first held the role of Senior Vice President of Corporate Development and Commercial Operations from 2015 until he took over as CFO in 2019. He brings more than 20 years of experience in international strategy formulation, business development, financial analysis, and operational execution. Prior to

Adform, Christian worked for many years in management consulting for Bain & Company and held executive business development positions with publicly listed companies GN Store Nord and North Media. Christian is based in Stockholm and holds a master's degree in business administration, finance, and accounting from Copenhagen Business School.

# **Responsible parties**

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### **About Verve**

Verve ("Verve" or the "Company", ISIN: SE0018538068; ticker: VER / M8G) is a fast-growing, profitable digital media company that provides Al-driven ad-software solutions. Verve matches global advertiser demand with publisher ad-supply, enhancing results through first-party data from its own content. Aligned with our mission, "Let's make media better," the company focuses on enabling better outcomes for brands, agencies, and publishers with responsible advertising solutions, with an emphasis on emerging media channels. Verve's main operational presence is in North America and Europe, and it is registered as a Societas Europaea in Sweden (registration number 517100-0143). Its shares are listed on the Nasdaq First North Premier Growth Market in Stockholm and the Scale segment of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange. The company has two secured bonds listed on Nasdaq Stockholm and the Frankfurt Stock Exchange Open Market. Verve's certified advisor on the Nasdaq First North Premier Growth Market is FNCA Sweden AB; contact info: info@fnca.se.

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