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## **Verve announces intention to carry out a directed share issue**

**The Board of Directors of Verve Group SE (“Verve” or the “Company”) hereby announces its intention to carry out a directed share issue of approximately SEK 300 million, by the issuance of new ordinary A shares. The transaction is directed to a limited number of institutional investors and is conducted pursuant to the authorisation granted by the Annual General Meeting held on 11 June 2025 (the “Directed Share Issue”). Verve’s shares are listed on the Regulated Market of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (Ticker: VRV) and on Nasdaq First North Premier Growth Market in Stockholm (Ticker: VER).**

The subscription price will be determined through an accelerated book-building procedure, which will commence immediately after publication of this announcement and end before the commencement of trading on Nasdaq First North Premier Growth Market and the Regulated Market of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange on 18 June 2025. The book-building procedure may, at the discretion of the Company, close earlier or later and may be cancelled at any time.

Through the Directed Share Issue, the Company aims to broaden and anchor its investor base, based on the inbound interest expressed by investors. The Company plans to use the net proceeds to further strengthen its balance sheet and to fund organic and inorganic growth initiatives, including scaling sales capacity, new product solutions, further application of AI technologies, and expansion into emerging advertising channels such as retail media.

The Company’s currently largest shareholder, Bodhivas GmbH, owned by Remco Westermann (CEO and Board Member) has expressed an interest to subscribe for shares in the offering for up to SEK 15 million. In addition, a highly reputable Swedish multi-family office has expressed an interest in participating in the Directed Share Issue.



Prior to the Directed Share Issue, the Board of Directors has made an overall assessment and carefully considered the option to raise capital through a rights issue (with preferential right for the shareholders). The Board of Directors considers that the main reasons for deviating from the shareholders' preferential right are as follows. The Directed Share Issue would be significantly more time efficient, which increases flexibility of the transaction and thereby reduces exposure to a very volatile and uncertain market with the risk for a potential materially adverse effect on the share price compared to a rights issue. In addition, a rights issue may not achieve the Company's primary objective as effectively – namely, broadening and institutionalizing the shareholder base. The Directed Share Issue allows the Company to attract qualified and institutional investors with industry expertise who can provide long-term stability for the Company and its shareholders. These investors often face constraints in acquiring shares on the open market due to minimum investment thresholds relative to the Company's current trading liquidity. By securing their participation, the Company strengthens its shareholder structure while also enhancing overall market liquidity over time. A rights issue would in practice prevent such investors to participate. Additionally, a rights issue would also entail significantly higher costs (assuming that the transaction would be fully guaranteed) and normally have a materially negative impact on the Company's share price. Given the Company's dual listing in Sweden and Germany, a rights issue would also be affected by supplementary complexity taking the various layers of the two different markets and rules into consideration. Considering the above reasons, the Board of Directors has made the assessment that the Directed Share Issue in this specific case clearly and with sufficient strength outweighs the reasons that justifies the main rule that share issues shall be carried out with application of the shareholders' preferential rights. Therefore, the Directed Share Issue is the most favorable alternative for the Company and is in the best interest of the Company and all shareholders.

In connection with the Directed Share Issue, the Company has agreed, with customary exceptions, not to issue additional shares for a period of 90 calendar days after the settlement date, except for specific targeted reasons like M&A financing or Employees Share Option Programs. In addition, board members and Executive Management that directly or indirectly own shares in Verve have agreed to not sell any shares in Verve for the same period of 90 calendar days after the first settlement date (subject to customary exceptions).

#### **Advisers**

ABG Sundal Collier AB and Pareto Securities AB have been appointed Joint Global Coordinators and Joint Bookrunners. Baker McKenzie acts as legal counsel to the Company and Gernandt & Danielsson Advokatbyrå acts as legal counsel to the Joint Global Coordinators in connection with the Directed Share Issue.

#### **Responsible parties**

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**About Verve:**

Verve Group is a fast-growing software platform in the advertising technology industry, connecting advertisers seeking to buy digital ad space with publishers monetizing their content. Driven by its mission “Let’s make media better.” Verve provides responsible, AI-driven advertising solutions that deliver superior outcomes for advertisers and publishers. The company focuses on emerging media channels like mobile in-app, connected TV and others. In anticipation of growing demand from users and advertisers for greater privacy, Verve has developed cutting-edge ID-less targeting technology that enables efficient advertising within digital media without relying on identifiers such as cookies or IDFA. Thanks to its strong differentiation and execution, Verve has achieved a revenue CAGR of 33 percent over the past four years reaching net revenues of 437 million euros in 2024 with an adj. EBITDA margin of 30 percent. 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 - with the ISIN SE0018538068 - are listed on the regulated market of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (Ticker: VRV) and on Nasdaq First North Premier Growth Market in Stockholm (Ticker: VER). Verve has an outstanding bond with the ISIN: SE0023848429. The Companies certified advisor on the Nasdaq First North Premier Growth Market is FNCA Sweden AB; contact info: [info@fnca.se](mailto:info@fnca.se)

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### **Information to distributors**

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 the Company 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 "**EU Target Market Assessment**"). Solely for the purposes of each manufacturer's product approval process in the United Kingdom, the target market assessment in respect of the shares in the Company has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for such shares is only eligible counterparties, as defined in the FCA Handbook Conduct of Business Sourcebook, and professional clients, as defined in Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("**UK MiFIR**"); and (ii) all channels for distribution of such shares to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate (the "**UK Target Market Assessment**" and, together with the EU Target Market Assessment, the "**Target Market Assessment**"). Notwithstanding the Target Market Assessment, distributors should



note that: the price of the shares in the Company may decline and investors could lose all or part of their investment; the shares in the Company offer no guaranteed income and no capital protection; and an investment in the shares in the Company 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 Directed Share Issue. Furthermore, it is noted that, notwithstanding the Target Market Assessment, the Managers 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 UK MiFIR; 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 the Company.

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