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### Peter van Berlekom appointed CIO of Developed Markets in East Capital Group

East Capital Group has appointed Peter van Berlekom as Chief Investment Officer (CIO) of the group's Developed Markets strategies, currently comprising the Espiria funds. Peter van Berlekom will lead the group's efforts to enhance investment management capabilities for Developed Markets, notably with an ESG focus.

Peter van Berlekom joins in early June from Erik Penser Bank, where he worked as a Senior Portfolio Manager. Prior to this, van Berlekom was responsible for Nordea's investment strategies focusing on Europe, the Nordics and Sweden, as well as Head of Equities at Alecta. During his career he established two ESG funds focused on Swedish equities – the Nordea fund *Swedish Stars* and the Alfred Berg fund *Sustainable Growth Sweden* (*"Hållbar Tillväxt Sverige"*).

The appointment of Peter van Berlekom is in line with East Capital Group's ambition to develop and add resources to companies acquired by the group during recent years. As part of his role, Peter van Berlekom has been tasked with developing Espiria's ESG capabilities in asset management so that they are more closely aligned with the of core principles in East Capital's investment model and ESG framework for emerging and frontier markets.

Peter Elam Håkansson, Group CIO of East Capital Group, said: *"Peter's extensive background within asset management of Swedish and international equities makes him ideally placed to build up our strategies in this area together with the existing team. We are very pleased to welcome him to East Capital Group."*

Peter van Berlekom said: *"East Capital Group offers interesting foundations to build upon and I see great potential in taking Espiria funds to the next level in terms of developed markets, by leveraging East Capital's capabilities in ESG and the strength of its platform."*

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#### **About East Capital Group**

**East Capital Group** is an independent asset management group that comprises several strategies and specialisations to offer active management solutions in equities, bonds and real estate assets. Our managers work within a clear ESG framework, while also drawing on the group's scale and overall strengths. Founded in Sweden in 1997 and with offices in Stockholm, Dubai, Hong Kong, Luxembourg, Moscow, Oslo and Tallinn, East Capital Group manages a total of EUR 3.8 billion for a broad range of international investors including leading institutions, companies and private individuals.

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The main operations include **East Capital** – specialising in emerging and frontier market equity investments, **East Capital Real Estate** – managing commercial real estate investments in the Baltic region, **Espiria** – offering bespoke global and Nordic equities and fixed income strategies, and **Adrigo** – offering hedge fund strategies targeting absolute returns. East Capital Group also has a significant holding in the listed company **Eastnine** (OM:EAST), which owns, develops and manages sustainable, premium office space in the Baltic region.

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