



Catella Acquires Financial Advisory Services from IMG

STOCKHOLM. The finance group Catella today announced the acquisition of the European Client Finance division of IMG, the world's largest company dedicated to the marketing and management of sport, leisure and lifestyle.

The division provides family office and wealth management services to IMG clients.

Mr Jonathan Dudman will be Managing Director of the new company, which will be named Catella Financial Office with initially some 30 employees out of offices in London, Monaco and Stockholm.

Mr Lars Sternmarker, former CEO of IMG Sweden, will join Catella Financial Office as member of the board and general advisor to the management.

"Catella is one of the leading independent asset managers in the Nordic region. With the addition of Catella Financial Office, we have acquired an organisation to meet the high demands from some of our finest athletes. Our aim is to expand the business by offering the same quality services to a broader range of clients", commented Johan Björklund, CEO of Catella Holding.

"Financial advisory services are an important part of IMG's overall offering to our clients, and we see this transaction, by combining Catella's expertise and ownership with the existing management team led by Jonathan Dudman and David Lumley, as the ideal way to nurture and develop the service to our clients", said Peter Griffiths, IMG's Director of Operations, Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

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Catella

Catella is a finance group focusing on asset management, financial advisory services and investments.

In 2004, Catella participated as a financial adviser in deals with a combined transaction value of € 5.5 billion. The company manages more than € 2.7 billion in assets on behalf of its clients. In addition, Catella is the primary shareholder in some 30 companies, with a total workforce of 3,000 employees and combined sales exceeding € 550 million.

Catella was established in 1987 and has offices in ten European countries. For more information, please visit our website www.catella.se

IMG

IMG is the world's largest company dedicated to the marketing and management of sport, leisure and lifestyle. IMG represents athletes, performing artists, writers, fashion models, broadcasters, leading corporations, world-class events, cultural institutions and recreational resorts. The company has an international staff of approximately 2,200 people in over 60 offices in more than 25 countries. Last year, IMG was acquired by New York-based private investment firm Forstmann Little & Co.