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# The Board of Directors of Kjell Group has resolved on a fully guaranteed rights issue of approximately SEK 199.1 million

The Board of Directors of Kjell Group AB (publ) ("Kjell Group", or the "Company") has, pursuant to the press release published by the Company on 10 December 2024, resolved on a fully guaranteed rights issue of 28,036,362 new shares, corresponding to approximately SEK 199.1 million before deduction of transaction costs, with preferential rights for existing shareholders (the "Rights Issue"). The subscription price for the Rights Issue has been set to SEK 7.10. The purpose of the Rights Issue is, in accordance with the previous communications of the Company, to strengthen the balance sheet and to finance the investment in the automated warehouse – an important step in the Company's progress towards becoming the natural choice for everyday technology.

- With the warehouse investment and capital raising, Kjell Group is taking a significant step in its ongoing journey of transformation. The new automated central warehouse will establish even better conditions for long-term and profitable growth, says Jan Friedman, Chairman of the Board of Kjell Group.

## Summary

- The Rights Issue will comprise of 28,036,362 new shares entailing proceeds of approximately SEK 199.1 million before deduction of transaction costs.
- The Board of Directors' resolution regarding the Rights Issue is subject to approval by an extraordinary general meeting (the "EGM"). The EGM is scheduled to be held on or about 10 March 2025.
- The purpose of the Rights Issue to finance the automated warehouse and to strengthen the balance sheet.
- The Company's largest shareholders, FSN Capital IV[1], the Eklund family[2], Cervantes Capital[3]. RoosGruppen AB, Grenspecialisten AB and Strand Kapitalförvaltning[4] have undertaken to subscribe for their respective pro rata shares and Fredrik Dahnelius has committed to invest at least SEK 1 million in the rights issue. In addition, Nordea Funds intends to subscribe to its ownership stake in the rights issue. The subscription commitments and Nordea Funds' intention cover a total of approximately 55.0[5] percent of the rights issue.



- FSN Capital IV and Cervantes Capital have also entered into guarantee commitments for the remaining part of the Rights Issue. Thus, the rights issue is fully covered by subscription and guarantee commitments.
- FSN Capital IV, the Eklund family, Cervantes Capital, Roosgruppen AB, Grenspecialisten AB, Strand Kapitalförvaltning and Fredrik Dahnelius have also undertaken to vote in favour of the Rights Issue at the EGM on 10 March 2025.
- Provided that the Rights Issue is approved by the EGM, the record date for the Rights Issue is expected to be 12 March 2025. Those who, on the record date, are registered by Euroclear Sweden as shareholders in Kjell Group will receive one (1) subscription right for each share held in Kjell Group. Ten (10) subscription rights entitle the holder to subscribe for nine (9) new shares. The subscription period is expected to run from 14 March 2025 to 1 April 2025.

## Background and reasons

Kjell Group is a leading Nordic player in home electronics accessories with a long tradition of delivering first-class customer service and one of the most complete product assortments on the market. The Company combines its carefully selected product offering, consisting of more than 10,000 items, with high-quality advice and customer service through a seamless omnichannel offering.

In recent years, the consumer electronics industry has been challenged, with cautious consumer behavior and increased competition having a negative impact on sales development, while inflation has led to increased costs. During this period, Kjell Group has been focused on adapting to the new market conditions through operational efficiencies and strategic initiatives to strengthen its competitiveness. As part of this strategy, the Company has decided to invest in a new, automated central warehouse. This investment is expected to enable faster and more efficient deliveries for both service points and e-commerce, while reducing distribution costs and increasing efficiency by around 30 percent.

Kjell Group is seeing signs of recovery in the market, with a positive trend in the number of visitors to its service points during Q4 in 2024. At the same time, the technological development is continuing at a rapid pace, driving the demand for both customer advice and products – areas where Kjell Group has one of the market's most complete assortments and a high level of expertise. The operational efficiencies and strategic initiatives that the Company has implemented are now starting to take effect, resulting in a double-digit increase in profitability in the fourth quarter of 2024.[6]

As an additional part of the Company's transformational journey, the Company announced on 14 February that the Board of Directors has appointed the current board member Sandra Gadd as the new CEO and President of Kjell Group. The Company's current CEO, Andreas Rylander, will remain in his current position until Sandra Gadd assumes the role, which is planned to take place in September 2025.[7] With a lower cost base, improved operational discipline and a clear strategic direction, the Company now believes it is well positioned for the future.



In order to finance the new automated warehouse and to strengthen its balance sheet, the Board of Directors has resolved to carry out a rights issue.

## The Rights Issue

Against the above background, the Board of Directors of Kjell Group has resolved on an issue of 28,036,362 new shares, corresponding to approximately SEK 199.1 million before transaction costs, with preferential rights to existing shareholder. [8] As further set out below, the Rights Issue is fully covered by subscription and guarantee undertakings by the Company's current shareholders.

The proceeds from the Rights Issue will partly be used to finance the investment in new automation to the new warehouse in Staffanstorp, for a total amount of approximately SEK 80 million, for the purpose of reducing the Company's distribution costs and increasing the efficiency of deliveries for both service points and e-commerce, as well as to strengthen the Company's financial position by amortizing long-term interest-bearing debt with an amount of approximately SEK 119.1 million. Those who are shareholders in the Company on the record date are entitled to subscribe for new share in the Rights Issue with preferential rights.

The subscription price has been set to SEK 7.10 per share, which means that Kjell Group will raise approximately SEK 199.1 million in the Rights Issue before deduction of costs related to the Rights Issue. The Rights Issue entails that the number of shares in Kjell Group can increase by a maximum of 28,036,362 shares, from 31,151,514 outstanding shares to not more than 59,187,876 outstanding shares, which corresponds to a dilution of up to approximately 47.4 percent of the number of outstanding shares and votes in the Company, following the completion of the Rights Issue. Shareholders who choose not to participate in the Rights Issue will have the possibility to fully or partly compensate for the economic dilution effect by either selling their subscription rights and /or sell current shares to the required extent to finance the subscription of new shares with the support of received subscription rights.

The record date for determining who is entitled to receive subscription rights in the Rights Issue is 12 March 2025. Those who, on the record date, are registered by Euroclear Sweden as shareholders in Kjell Group will receive one (1) subscription right for each share held in Kjell Group. Ten (10) subscription rights entitle the holder to subscribe for nine (9) new shares. The shares in the Company will be traded including the rights to receive subscription rights up to and including 10 March 2025. The shares will be traded excluding the rights to receive subscription rights from and including 11 March 2025. Trading of subscription rights will take place on Nasdaq First North Growth Market during the period from and including 14 March 2025 up to and including 27 March 2025. The subscription period will run from and including 14 March 2025 up to and including 1 April 2025, or the later date decided by the Board of Directors.

Subscription and guarantee undertakings and intentions to participate in the Rights Issue FSN Capital IV, the Eklund Family, Cervantes Capital, RoosGruppen AB, Grenspecialisten AB and Strand Kapitalförvaltning have committed to subscribe for their respective pro rata shares and

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commitments and Nordea Funds' intention cover a total of approximately 55.0 percent of the Rights Issue. FSN Capital IV and Cervantes Capital have further entered into guarantee undertakings for the remaining part of the Rights Issue. Thus, the Rights Issue is covered in its entirety by subscription and guarantee undertakings.

No compensation will be paid for the subscription undertakings or guarantee undertakings. Neither the subscription or guarantee undertakings have been secured by, for example, bank guarantees, blocked funds, pledges or similar arrangements.

# **Extraordinary General Meeting**

The Board of Directors will convene the shareholders to the EGM through a separate press release. The EGM is expected to take place on or about 10 March 2025.

# Indicative timetable for the Rights Issue

Extraordinary General Meeting	10 March 2025
Last day of trading in the Company's shares including the right to receive subscription rights	10 March 2025
First day of trading in the Company's shares without the right to receive subscription rights	11 March 2025
Record date for the right to receive subscription rights in the Rights Issue	12 March 2025
Publication of the prospectus	13 March 2025
Trading in subscription rights on Nasdaq First North Growth Market	14 March 2025–27 March 2025
Subscription period	14 March 2025–1 April 2025
Trading in paid subscription shares on Nasdaq First North Growth Market (Sw. <i>Betalda tecknade aktier</i> )	14 March 2025–4 April 2025
Announcement of final outcome of the Rights Issue	3 April 2025



- [1] FSN Capital GP IV Limited acting in its capacity as general partner for and on behalf of each of FSN Capital IV LP, FSN Capital IV (B) LP and FSN Capital IV Invest LP ("FSN Capital IV").
- [2] Fosielund Holding AB and Joel Eklund ("the Eklund family").
- [3] Cervantes Capital AB ("Cervantes Capital").
- [4] Refers to Strand Småbolagsfond and Strand Förmögenhetsfond.
- [5] Based on all outstanding shares in Kjell Group, corresponding to a total of 31,151,514 shares.
- [6] Adjusted EBITA amounted to SEK 33.3 million in the fourth quarter of 2024, representing an increase of 17.3 percent compared to the fourth quarter of the previous year (SEK 28.4 million).
- [7] During the spring, the incoming CEO will seek to engage in discussions with Andreas Rylander to explore ways in which Andreas extensive experience and knowledge of Kjell & Company, as well as the consumer electronics industry, can continue to benefit the Company.
- [8] On 10 December 2024, Kjell Group announced its intention to carry out a rights issue in order to invest in a new automated warehouse and to strengthen its financial position.

## **Prospectus**

Further information regarding the Rights Issue and the Company will be included in the prospectus, which is expected to be published on or about 13 March 2025.

#### Advisors

Carnegie Investment Bank AB (publ) is financial advisor, Global Coordinator and Sole Bookrunner in connection with the Rights Issue. White & case is legal advisor in connection with the Rights Issue.

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With Kjell & Company's customer club, which boasts over 3 million members, and its Danish subsidiary AV-Cables, the Group has a unique understanding of people's technology needs. Approximately 1,200 employees work every day to improve lives through technology.

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