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# **Annual General Meeting**

Ratos's Annual General Meeting was held last night in Berwaldhallen, Stockholm.

#### **Board of Directors**

The AGM elected Annette Sadolin as new Board member and re-elected Board members Olof Stenhammar, Lars Berg, Staffan Bohman, Göran Grosskopf, Arne Karlsson (CEO), Jan Söderberg and Per-Olof Söderberg. Olof Stenhammar was also elected as Chairman of the Board.

Of the Board members, all except Olof Stenhammar, who has been on the Board of the company for more than 12 years, and the company's CEO Arne Karlsson are independent of Ratos and its management. Two Board members, Jan Söderberg and Per-Olof Söderberg, are non-independent of major shareholders.

#### **Dividend**

The AGM decided on an ordinary dividend of SEK 5.50 per share (4.19) of class A and B. In addition, an extra dividend of SEK 5.50 per class A and B share was decided on. The record date for the right to receive dividends is 16 April and dividends are expected to be paid on 19 April.

### Share buy backs

The AGM gave the Board a mandate to decide, during the period until the next ordinary AGM, repurchase of a maximum number of shares so that the company's holding of shares does not exceed 7% of all the shares in the company.

At a subsequent statutory meeting, the Board decided to give the CEO, in consultation with the Chairman, a mandate to carry out purchases of shares in accordance with the mandate given to the Board by the AGM.

## **Incentive programmes**

The AGM decided to issue a maximum of 775,000 call options on repurchased Ratos-shares to be sold at a market price to key people within Ratos. It was further decided on a transfer of a maximum of 775,000 shares in the company if the above-mentioned options are exercised.

In addition, the AGM decided to introduce a cash-settled option programme related to Ratos's investments in new holdings. The programme will be carried out through issuance of synthetic options which key people within Ratos will be entitled to acquire.

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Financial calendar from Ratos:

Interim report January-March 9 May 2007 Interim report January-June 21 August 2007 Interim report January-September 9 November 2007

Ratos is a listed private equity company. The business concept is to maximise shareholder value over time by investing in, developing and divesting primarily unlisted companies. Ratos thus offers stock market players a unique investment opportunity. The equity of Ratos's investments is approximately SEK 11 billion. Ratos's holdings include Anticimex, Arcus Gruppen, Bisnode, Bluegarden, Camfil, DIAB, GS-Hydro, Haendig, Haglöfs, HL Display, Hägglunds Drives, Inwido, Jøtul, Lindab, Medifiq Healthcare, RH/RBM, Superfos and Other holdings.