Handelsbanken

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Handelsbanken strengthens its Tier 1 capital

In December 2008, Handelsbanken issued a non-innovative Tier 1 capital loan for SEK 200m. In the first quarter of 2009, the Bank has issued a further SEK 2,705m under this loan.

The loan has been subscribed for by just over twenty institutional investors.

The Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority has previously decided that the loan may be included in Tier 1 capital when calculating the Bank's capital base. The increase of the loan strengthens the Bank's Tier 1 capital ratio by almost 0.4 percentage points.

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