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## **NASDAQ OMX Nordic Welcomes Aktia Plc** **- Second company to be listed on NASDAQ OMX Helsinki this year**

**Helsinki, September 25, 2009** – NASDAQ OMX Nordic, part of the NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. (NASDAQ:NDAQ) today announced that Aktia Plc (Aktia), a Mid Cap company within the Regional Banking industry, starts trading on the Main Market of NASDAQ OMX Helsinki on September 29.

Aktia is one of the largest Finnish-owned finance groups. Aktia Group provides a broad range of products within banking, asset management, insurance and real estate agency. Aktia operates mainly in coastal areas and inland growth areas. Aktia has about 300,000 customers who are served by nearly 1,400 employees at 73 branch offices and via Internet and telephone services.

"I am happy to welcome Aktia to NASDAQ OMX Helsinki. A listing of another well known company this year on the Main Market is a positive signal after a turbulent period, and I believe it reflects the importance of well-functioning securities markets for both companies and investors. Through a listing on NASDAQ OMX Helsinki, Finnish companies of all sizes and their owners are able to take advantage of the liquidity and global capital raising opportunities that NASDAQ OMX offers", says Lauri Rosendahl, President of NASDAQ OMX Helsinki.

"We are happy to provide our more than 50,000 shareholders a marketplace for trading with our shares when Aktia's shares are listed on the Stock Exchange", says Aktia's Managing Director Jussi Laitinen.

"Equity markets typically, but not always, anticipate changes in the state of the economy. In this context, the health of the IPO market is particularly noteworthy, and we are happy to see a growing interest in listing among companies. Aktia will make a great contribution to the financial sector for our investors, who comprise of a global investment community as well as a strong segment of retail investors. Through NASDAQ OMX, Aktia also gains access to innovative products and services that facilitate transparency and inspire better investor relations. We are committed to help Aktia maximize the value of the listing", says Jenny Rosberg, Senior Vice President, Corporate Client Group at NASDAQ OMX.

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