RNB RETAIL AND BRANDS

JC strengthens collaboration with franchisees

During the spring, JC and representatives of its franchisee board worked jointly in order to enhance collaboration with the franchisees and create a more competitive mode of operations at JC. These efforts have led to an addendum to the current agreement, which virtually all individual franchisees have recently decided to accept.

"Our franchisee chain is and will remain a major asset for JC and, with this agreement, we can combine the benefits generated by franchise operations and simultaneously act as effectively as if we were a wholly integrated chain," says Lea Rytz Goldman, President of JC.

"This is a milestone in JC's continued development and something we have endeavored to achieve for a long time. It also demonstrates how we want to collaborate with franchisees in our other concepts," says Mikael Solberg, President and CEO of RNB.

"JC's range and the response we have received from the market over the past few seasons have resulted in optimism and confidence among our members, thus creating this opportunity for closer collaboration with the franchiser. We are proud to have presented a draft agreement that benefits all parties and that, above all, makes us more competitive as a chain," says Peter Lundin, chairman of the franchisee board.

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