

## Press Release

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## **Offer document regarding ICA Gruppen AB's cash offer to the shareholders of Hemtex AB (publ) made public**

### ***The Offer***

On 25 August 2015, ICA Gruppen AB ("ICA Gruppen") announced a cash offer to the shareholders of Hemtex AB (publ) ("Hemtex") to acquire all outstanding shares in Hemtex (the "Offer"). The Hemtex shares are listed on Nasdaq Stockholm, Small Cap.

### ***The offer document***

The offer document has today been approved and registered by the Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority. The offer document is now public and available on ICA Gruppen's webpage ([www.icagruppen.se](http://www.icagruppen.se)), Handelsbanken Capital Markets' webpage ([www.handelsbanken.se/investeringserbjudande](http://www.handelsbanken.se/investeringserbjudande)) and the Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority's webpage ([www.fi.se](http://www.fi.se)). The offer document, preprinted acceptance form and self-addressed envelope will be distributed to all directly registered shareholders whose shares are registered by Euroclear Sweden AB (the Swedish Central Securities Depository) as of 2 September 2015. A printed version of the offer document and acceptance form can be ordered from ICA Gruppen free of charge.



### ***Timetable for the Offer***

The acceptance period for the Offer will commence 3 September 2015 and end 1 October 2015. Settlement is expected to take place as soon as possible after ICA Gruppen announces that the conditions of the Offer have been fulfilled or if ICA Gruppen, in any case, decides to complete the Offer. Provided that such announcement is made 5 October 2015 at the latest, settlement is expected to start 6 October 2015.

ICA Gruppen reserves the right to extend the acceptance period, as well as to postpone settlement of the Offer. ICA Gruppen will announce any such extension of the acceptance period, and/or postponement of the settlement by a press release in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

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ICA Gruppen discloses the information provided herein pursuant to the Securities Market Act and/or the Financial Instruments Trading Act. The information was submitted for publication at 1:30 p.m. (CET) on 2 September 2015.

ICA Gruppen AB (publ) is a leading retail company with a focus on food and health. The Group includes ICA Sweden and Rimi Baltic which mainly conduct grocery retail, ICA Real Estate which owns and manages properties, ICA Bank which offers financial services and Apotek Hjärtat which conducts pharmacy operations. The Group also includes the wholly owned portfolio company inkClub and the partly owned portfolio company Hemtex. For more information see [icagruppen.se](http://icagruppen.se)

***IMPORTANT INFORMATION***

This press release has been published in Swedish and English. In the event of any discrepancy between the two language versions, the Swedish version shall prevail.

The Offer is not being made to persons whose participation in the Offer requires that an additional offer document is prepared or registration effected or that any other measures are taken in addition to those required under Swedish laws and regulations.

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For purposes of this section “United States” and “U.S.” means the United States of America, its territories and possessions (including Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Wake Island, and the Northern Mariana Islands), any state of the United States of America and the District of Columbia.

#### ***Forward-looking information***

Statements in this press release relating to future status and circumstances, including statements regarding future performance, growth and other projections as well as benefits of the Offer, are forward-looking statements. These statements may generally, but not always, be identified by the use of words such as “anticipates”, “expects”, “believes”, or similar expressions. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that will occur in the future. There can be no assurance that actual results will not differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements due to many factors, many of which are outside the control of ICA Gruppen. Any such forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which they were made and ICA Gruppen has no obligation (and undertakes no such obligation) to update or revise any of them, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except for in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.