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Strong demand for shares in East Capital Explorer's IPO

- Strong demand for shares in the initial public offering of East Capital Explorer, the offer size was increased by 40% from €260 million to €365 million
- East Capital Explorer has attracted significant interest from institutional investors in Europe, the Middle East, US and Asia. Approximately 40% of the offering will be placed with investors outside Sweden
- Swedish retail investors have shown very strong interest. Of a total of approximately 13,500 shareholders, approximately 12,500 shareholders are Swedish retail investors
- East Capital Explorer will trade under the ticker ECEX. First day of trading on OMX Nordic Exchange Stockholm, Mid-cap segment, is this Friday, November 9, 2007

Reflecting the strong demand, the offering was increased by 40% to €365 million (corresponding to 33,795,350 shares), from the original target size of €260 million. In addition, East Capital Explorer has granted the bookrunners an option to purchase up to an additional 3,611,010 shares which may be exercised up until 30 days after the first day of trading. If the over-allotment option is exercised in full, East Capital Explorer will raise a total slightly in excess of €400 million.

Peter Elam Håkansson, Chairman of East Capital, said: *"We are extremely proud of the trust shown to us and East Capital Explorer, both by Swedish and international investors – a strong approval of our investment philosophy and confirmation that investors share our excitement for the many opportunities in Eastern Europe."*

Gert Tiivas, CEO East Capital Explorer, said: *"We are now well on our way to making unique investment opportunities in Eastern Europe accessible to a wide range of investors. Our focus is now to successfully invest the capital and generate attractive returns for our shareholders."*

Through East Capital Holding AB, East Capital's partners have invested €10 million in the offering. In addition, East Capital's Eastern European Fund has invested €2.1 million.

Carnegie Investment Bank AB, Citigroup Global Markets Limited and Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc have acted as joint global co-ordinators and joint bookrunners in connection with the offering.

About East Capital Explorer

East Capital Explorer AB is a newly formed Swedish company, created with the specific aim of bringing unique investment opportunities in Eastern Europe to a broader investor base. The company will focus on investments in non-listed and semi-public companies in fast growing sectors in Eastern Europe and has appointed East Capital to manage its investment activities.

East Capital Explorer will invest in certain East Capital Funds with a focus on private and semi-public companies and real estate as well as make selected direct investments. East Capital Explorer will focus on sectors with high growth potential driven by strong domestic demand and convergence with the European Union, including the power utilities, financial, retail and consumer goods and real estate sectors. The Company's geographic focus includes Russia and the other CIS countries, the Balkans, the Baltic States, Central Asia and Central Eastern Europe.

About East Capital

Founded in 1997, East Capital is a leading, independent asset manager focused on investments in Russia and the other CIS countries, the Balkans, the Baltic States, Central Asia and Central Eastern Europe, with approximately €5.0 billion in assets under management as of August 31, 2007 and has offices in Stockholm, Tallinn, Moscow, Paris, Oslo, Hong Kong and Milan.

East Capital has approximately 150 employees representing 26 different nationalities and including 29 investment professionals. As of August 31, 2007, East Capital's funds had public and semi-public investments in 27 countries and 546 companies and private equity investments in 11 countries and 60 companies in its target region.

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