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## AR PACKAGING APPOINTS HARRI-PEKKA KAUKONEN AND HANNU KOTTONEN AS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Board of Directors of ÅR Packaging Group AB, Lund, Sweden, has appointed Harri-Pekka Kaukonen and Hannu Kottonen as new members of the board.

Harri-Pekka Kaukonen (born 1963) is currently vice chairman and member of the board of directors of Evli Bank Oyj and Lindström Group. Further, he is a member of the board of directors of Tieto Oyj, Ahlström Oyj and Umni Oy. Harri-Pekka Kaukonen was President and CEO of Sanoma Oyj 2011-2015. He holds a Doctor's Degree in Technology and a Master of Science in Technical physics from Helsinki University of Technology, Finland.

Hannu Kottonen (born 1957) is currently chairman of the board of directors and CEO of Kinttuviisas Oy. He was CEO of HKScan Oyj and member of the board of directors of HK Scan Oyj Group 2012-2016. Hannu Kottonen holds a Master of Science in Economics from Turku School of Economics, Finland.

"We are pleased to welcome Harri-Pekka Kaukonen and Hannu Kottonen to the Board of Directors of AR Packaging. They bring a wealth of experience from the consumer and B2B technological sectors, and have vast experience from companies in a listed environment", says Hans Petersson, Chairman of the board of ÅR Packaging Group AB.

Following these changes, the Board of Directors of ÅR Packaging Group AB consists of the following members: Hans Petersson (chairman), Walter Ahlström, Sebastian Burmeister, Marcus Jennekvist, Harri-Pekka Kaukonen, Hannu Kottonen, Jan Ohlsson, Tero Telaranta and Harald Schulz (CEO of ÅR Packaging Group AB).

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## **AR Packaging**

AR Packaging is one of Europe's leading companies in the packaging sector with net sales of approximately 560 MEUR (pro forma 2015) and 2 200 employees in 17 factories in nine countries. The head office is situated in Lund, Sweden. AR Packaging was formed in 2011 as a merger of A&R Carton, one of Europe's leading carton board packaging groups and Flextrus, a leader in northern Europe within flexible packaging. The group creates added value to customers by a broad product offering and deep knowledge of packaging. AR Packaging has an objective to grow both organically and by way of acquisitions. www.ar-packaging.com