

# KVALITENA

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## **Kvalitena reaches agreement to sell shares in D. Carnegie to Blackstone**

Real estate funds managed by Blackstone have, through Vega Holdco S. à r.l., ("Vega"), entered into a share and purchase agreement with Kvalitena for the sale by Kvalitena and the purchase by Vega of 75% of Kvalitena's shareholding in D. Carnegie for SEK 100 per share, equivalent of SEK 1.18 billion in cash. Vega will also receive a power of attorney to vote on behalf of Kvalitena at shareholders' meetings in D. Carnegie, and a right of first offer to the remaining shares in D. Carnegie owned by Kvalitena.

*"We have seen a tremendous development of D. Carnegie during recent years and we consider this to be a good opportunity to realise some of the value that Kvalitena holds in our D. Carnegie investment, while also being able to maintain an interest in the company and develop it together with Blackstone going forward."* -Knut Pousette, CEO of Kvalitena

Vega has also entered into two additional share purchase agreements for the acquisition of (i) 45% of Frasdale Int. B.V.'s shareholding in D. Carnegie for cash (representing approx. 2% of the voting rights and 3% of the share capital in D. Carnegie) and receive a power of attorney to vote on behalf of and a right of first offer to the remaining 25% of Frasdale's shareholding and (ii) 100% of Svensk Bolig Holding AB's shareholding in D. Carnegie for cash (representing approx. 10% of the voting rights and 13% of the share capital in D. Carnegie).

All of these transactions are made at the same price, and are subject to customary merger clearance and certain other third party approvals. Subject to these conditions, the completion of the transactions is expected to occur no later than by the end of October 2016.

Subject to the successful completion of the above mentioned transactions, Kvalitena will add approx. SEK 1.18 billion in cash to its balance sheet. The Company intends to use the proceeds from the sale to amortise part of its existing secured and unsecured debt as well as for investments, primarily within real estate.

Wigge & Partners acted as legal adviser to Kvalitena on the transaction

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Kvalitena AB (publ) is a privately owned real estate focused investment company mainly operating within the Stockholm region. The main holdings are D. Carnegie & Co AB (publ) and Stendörren Fastigheter AB (publ), in which the company has controlling interests. Kvalitena's wholly and partly owned real estate companies have a combined property value of over SEK 20 billion today.