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## Mekonomen's rights issue oversubscribed

**The preliminary result of the rights issue in Mekonomen AB (publ) ("Mekonomen" or the "Company"), for which the subscription period ended on 18 October 2018, shows that the rights issue is oversubscribed. As a result of the rights issue, Mekonomen will receive proceeds amounting to approximately SEK 1,621m before costs related to the rights issue.**

The preliminary result shows that 20,387,843 shares have been subscribed for by the exercise of subscription rights, implying that a total of approximately 99.4 per cent of the rights issue has been subscribed for by the exercise of subscription rights. Additionally, applications for subscription without subscription rights of 13,143,244 shares, corresponding to approximately 64.1 per cent of the shares offered, have been received. Thus, the rights issue is oversubscribed.

As a result of the rights issue, Mekonomen will receive proceeds amounting to approximately SEK 1,621m before costs related to the rights issue. The rights issue will increase Mekonomen's share capital with SEK 51,287,837.50 to SEK 141,041,555.00 by issuing 20,515,135 shares. The number of shares in Mekonomen after the rights issue will amount to 56,416,622 shares.

The new shares subscribed for by the exercise of subscription rights are expected to be registered by the Swedish Companies Registration Office ("SCRO") on or about 24 October 2018. The last day of trading in the paid subscribed shares ("BTA") is expected to be on 30 October 2018. The new shares are expected to start trading at Nasdaq Stockholm on or about 5 November 2018.

The new shares subscribed for without subscription rights are expected to be registered by the SCRO on or about 2 November 2018 and are expected to start trading at Nasdaq Stockholm on or about 6 November 2018.

The final result of the rights issue will be published through a press release from Mekonomen on or about 25 October 2018. Allotment of shares that were subscribed for without subscription rights will be made in accordance with the principles outlined in the prospectus. As confirmation of allocation of shares subscribed for without subscription rights, a transaction note will be sent to those who have been allotted shares, which is expected on or about 25 October 2018. No communication will be sent to those who have not been allocated shares. Subscribed and allotted shares must be paid for in cash in accordance with the instructions in the transaction note.

### Financial and legal advisors

Mekonomen has in connection with the rights issue appointed Nordea Bank Abp, filial i

Sverige and Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) as financial advisors and Hannes Snellman Attorney Ltd has been engaged as legal advisor.

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