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# Better Collective announces intention to carry out a directed share issue of approx. SEK 1.5 billion (EUR 150 million) in gross proceeds to increase financial flexibility

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Better Collective A/S ("Better Collective" or the "Company"), a global sports betting media group with a leading position in the US in light of the recently announced acquisition of Action Network Inc. ("Action"), today announces its intention to carry out a directed share issue of approx. SEK 1.5 billion (EUR 150 million) (the "Transaction") to institutional and other professional investors.

# The Transaction in brief

The Company and its Board of Directors believes that using the flexibility provided by a directed placing in combination with an accelerated book-built undocumented offering to institutional and other professional investors is the most appropriate and optimal structure to execute the Transaction.

Based on the authorisation granted by the annual general meeting on April 26, 2021, the Transaction is being conducted through an accelerated book building process (the "Book building"), which will commence immediately following this announcement. Pricing and allocation of the new shares are expected to take place before the beginning of trading on Nasdaq Stockholm at 09:00 CEST on May 27, 2021. The timing of closing, pricing and allocation in the Book building is at the discretion of the Company. The Company will announce the outcome of the Transaction upon completion of the Book building in a subsequent press release.

In connection with the Transaction, the Company has agreed to a lock-up undertaking on future share issuances for a period of 90 days. The Company's lock-up undertaking is subject to certain specific exceptions, e.g. that the



Company can carry out future share issuances if done so in the context of and as an integral part of an industrial acquisition pursuant to its announced growth strategy or in connection with management incentive programmes.

## Reasons for the Transaction and use of net proceeds

Better Collective has decided to explore a share offering to increase its financial flexibility following the announcement on 3 May 2021 to acquire Action for 240 mUSD on a cash and debt free basis. The Company continues to expect the acquisition of Action to close in Q2 2021.

Pro forma for the acquisition of Action and the Transaction, Better Collective will be well positioned to continue to execute on its growth-oriented strategy – including through additional acquisitions beyond Action – in light of its organic growth prospects and expectations to achieve debt leverage (Net Interest Bearing Debt/EBITDA) within its financial target of <3.0x.

In addition, through further diversifying the Company's shareholder base, the Transaction is expected to contribute to an increased free float and liquidity in the Better Collective share. The Transaction is expected to raise gross proceeds of approx. 1,500 mSEK (150 mEUR), which will be applied towards the purchase consideration for acquiring Action.

## **About Better Collective**

Better Collective is a global sports betting media group that develops digital platforms for betting tips, bookmaker information and iGaming communities. Better Collective's vision is to empower iGamers through innovative products and technologies and by creating transparency in the online betting market. Its portfolio of platforms and products include bettingexpert.com, the trusted home of tips from expert tipsters and in depth betting theory, <u>HLTV.org</u>, the world's leading esports media and community focusing on competitive Counter Strike: Global Offensive (CS:GO), and <u>vegasinsider.com</u>, a leading source for sports betting information in the US. Better Collective is headquartered in Copenhagen, Denmark, and listed on Nasdag Stockholm (BETCO).

## Advisors

Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc and Nordea Corporate Finance & ECM, part of Nordea Danmark, Filial af Nordea Bank Abp, Finland act as Global Coordinators and Bookrunners in connection with the Transaction. Bruun & Hjejle and Setterwalls are legal advisors to the Company, and Vinge and Milbank are legal advisers to the Global Coordinators and Bookrunners.

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This information is such information as Better Collective A/S is obliged to make public pursuant to the EU Market Abuse Regulation. The information was submitted for publication, through the agency of the contact person set out above, at 17:31 CEST on May 26, 2021.

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For the avoidance of doubt, the Target Market Assessment does not constitute: (a) an assessment of suitability or appropriateness for the purposes of MiFID II; or (b) a recommendation to any investor or group of investors to invest in, or purchase, or take any other action whatsoever with respect to the shares in the Company.

Each distributor is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the shares in the Company and determining appropriate distribution channels.

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