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# Sinch completes a directed new share issue of 5,000,000 shares, raising approximately SEK 1,500 million

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Sinch AB (publ) ("Sinch" or the "Company") has in accordance with the Company's earlier press release and based on the authorization granted by the annual general meeting on 17 May 2019, resolved on a directed new share issue of 5,000,000 shares at a subscription price of SEK 300 per share, corresponding to a discount of 2.1 percent in relation to the closing price for the Company's share on 26 March 2020. The subscription price has been determined through an accelerated book-building process performed by Carnegie, Danske Bank and Handelsbanken Capital Markets (together, the "Joint Bookrunners"). The directed new share issue was significantly oversubscribed. A large number of Swedish and international institutional investors participated in the directed new share issue.

# The directed new share issue

The board of directors of the Company has, based on the issue authorization granted by the annual general meeting on 17 May 2019, and in accordance with the Company's press release yesterday, resolved on a directed new share issue.

The directed new share issue encompasses a total of 5,000,000 shares. The subscription price in the directed new share issue was set at 300 SEK per share, and was determined through an accelerated book building process led by the Joint Bookrunners.

The directed new share issue generated a large interest and has been carried out to selected Swedish and international institutional investors. Through the directed new share issue, the Company will raise approximately SEK 1,500 million before issue costs.

The Company intends to mainly use the proceeds to increase the Company's financial flexibility for new acquisitions. Yesterday, the Company announced the acquisition of Wavy, a leading business messaging provider in Latin America for a total cash consideration of BRL 355 million and 1,534,582 new shares in Sinch. Moreover, Sinch is continuously evaluating potential acquisitions. The increased financial flexibility that the share issue entails strengthens the Company's position as a relevant and competitive buyer

The Company's board of directors' assessment, based on the accelerated book building process executed by the Joint Bookrunners, is that the directed new share issue was carried out in on market terms. The reason for deviating from the shareholders' preferential rights in the directed new share issue is to, in a timely and cost efficient manner, enable the raising of capital to finance further value creating acquisitions, to broaden the Company's shareholder base and enhance the liquidity of the Company's shares.

Through the directed new share issue, the number of shares and votes in the Company will increase by 5,000,000 shares and votes, from 53,874,751 shares and votes to 58,874,751



shares and votes. The share capital will increase with SEK 500,000 from SEK 5,387,475.10 to SEK 5,887,475.10. The new share issue entails a dilutive effect for existing shareholders of approximately 9.3 percent based on the total number of shares in the Company at the time of the new share issue.

In connection with the new share issue, the Company has entered into a lock-up undertaking, with customary exceptions, regarding future share issues for a period of 90 calendar days from today. In addition, Cantaloupe AB, Neqst D1 AB and Salvis Investment Limited, who currently hold approximately 35 percent of the shares in the Company have undertaken, with customary exceptions, not to sell any shares in the Company for a period of 90 calendar days from today.

# **Advisers**

In conjunction with the directed new share issue, the Company has engaged Carnegie, Danske Bank and Handelsbanken Capital Markets as Joint Bookrunners. Gernandt & Danielsson has been legal advisor to the Company. Baker McKenzie has been legal advisor to the Joint Bookrunners.

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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 Sinch.

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

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