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Press release  
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## **Castellum resolves on a fully underwritten rights issue of approximately SEK 10 billion and announces terms**

**The Board of Directors of Castellum Aktiebolag ("Castellum" or the "Company") has on 4 May 2023, by virtue of the authorisation from the Annual General Meeting held on 23 March 2023, resolved upon a fully underwritten new share issue of approximately SEK 10 billion with preferential rights for existing shareholders in order to strengthen the Company's financial position. Through this press release, the Board of Directors of Castellum also announces the terms of the rights issue.**

### **The rights issue in brief**

- The rights issue comprises a maximum of 164,200,484 new shares.
- Shareholders in Castellum have preferential rights to subscribe for one (1) new share per two (2) existing shares.
- The subscription price has been set to SEK 62 per share, which will, upon full subscription, result in total issue proceeds of approximately SEK 10,180 million before deduction of costs related to the rights issue.
- The purpose of the rights issue is to strengthen the Company's financial position.
- Akelius Residential Property AB (publ) ("**Akelius Residential Property**"), Castellum's largest shareholder representing 13.4 per cent of the shares and votes in Castellum<sup>1</sup>, supports the decision of the rights issue and has undertaken to subscribe for its pro rata share (13.4 per cent) of the rights issue.
- Akelius Residential Property has, additionally, entered into a guarantee commitment to subscribe, subject to certain terms, for an additional 28.5 per cent of the rights issue without subscription rights.
- Citigroup Global Markets Europe AG and Nordea Bank Abp, filial i Sverige have entered into a guarantee commitment by way of an underwriting agreement, subject to customary terms, for the remaining part of the rights issue that is not covered by Akelius Residential Property's subscription undertaking and guarantee commitment, i.e. 58.1 per cent of the rights issue (divided equally between Citigroup Global Markets Europe AG and Nordea Bank Abp, filial i Sverige). Hence, 100 per cent of the rights issue is covered by subscription undertakings and guarantee commitments.

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<sup>1</sup> Excluding 17,331,000 treasury shares, corresponding to SEK 8,665,500 in share capital, held by Castellum (which will be cancelled in connection with the rights issue in accordance with the resolution from the Annual General Meeting held on 23 March 2023).



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### **Background and reasons**

The Board of Directors of Castellum believes that the proceeds from the rights issue will strengthen the Company's financial position and enable the Company, in the current macroeconomic environment, to (i) manage balance sheet liquidity alongside repayment of upcoming near and mid-term bond maturities with adequate margins, (ii) maintain and reinforce the Company's credit profile and public credit rating and (iii) enable the Company to keep growing selectively through planned and future value-creating development projects.

The Company's financial position is strengthened by the rights issue, which is assumed to increase the Company's attractiveness as an investment. Through Castellum, investors are hereby given access to one of the Nordic region's leading commercial property companies – largest among listed companies in the Nordics within commercial properties<sup>2</sup> and second largest in the warehouse/light industry segment<sup>3</sup>.

Cash and unutilised credit facilities amounted to SEK 24.4 billion as of 31 March 2023, adjusted for the proceeds from the rights issue of approximately SEK 10,180 million before deduction of issue costs. Moreover, Castellum's LTV<sup>4</sup> will decrease from 43.6<sup>5</sup> per cent to 37.8 per cent and the net debt to EBITDA<sup>6</sup> from 13.0x to 11.2x<sup>7</sup> (excluding any potential further positive impact deriving from the assets disposal already announced but not completed as of 31 March 2023<sup>8</sup>). The rights issue affirms the Company's current Baa3 Moody's credit rating, which Moody's confirmed in a report<sup>9</sup> published on 14 February 2023, and creates conditions to strengthen the Company's credit rating over time, which is the Company's ambition.

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<sup>2</sup> Based on property value excluding development projects and land for the financial year 2022. Compared to Fabege AB, Corem Property Group AB and Wihlborgs Fastigheter AB for commercial properties.

<sup>3</sup> Based on property value excluding development projects and land for the financial year 2022. Compared to AB Sagax, Corem Property Group AB, Nyfosa AB and Wallenstam AB for light industrial and warehouse properties.

<sup>4</sup> Interest-bearing liabilities after deduction for cash and cash equivalents as a percentage of total assets.

<sup>5</sup> Calculated as of 31 March 2023.

<sup>6</sup> Interest-bearing liabilities after deduction for cash and cash equivalents in relation to net operating income less central administrative expenses. In the interim accounts, net operating income less central administrative expenses have been recalculated on an annual basis, disregarding seasonal variations normally occurring in operations.

<sup>7</sup> Calculated as of 31 March 2023, adjusted for the rights issue.

<sup>8</sup> Includes the divestment of a soon-to-be-completed property in Jönköping for SEK 510 million, announced on 22 December 2022, and the divestment of the properties Marievik 27 and 30 to AMF Fastigheter for SEK 962 million, announced on 22 December 2022.

<sup>9</sup> Moody's on 14 February 2023: *Moody's affirms Castellum's Baa3 issuer rating, outlook stable.*



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### **Subscription undertakings and guarantee commitments**

Akelius Residential Property, Castellum's largest shareholder representing 13.4 per cent of the shares and votes in Castellum<sup>10</sup>, supports the decision of the rights issue and has undertaken to subscribe for its pro rata share (13.4 per cent) of the rights issue. Akelius Residential Property has, additionally, entered into a guarantee commitment to subscribe, subject to certain terms, for an additional 28.5 per cent of the rights issue without subscription rights. Citigroup Global Markets Europe AG and Nordea Bank Abp, filial i Sverige have entered into a guarantee commitment by way of an underwriting agreement, subject to customary terms, for the remaining part of the rights issue that is not covered by Akelius Residential Property's subscription undertaking and guarantee commitment, i.e. 58.1 per cent of the rights issue (divided equally between Citigroup Global Markets Europe AG and Nordea Bank Abp, filial i Sverige). Hence, 100 per cent of the rights issue is covered by subscription undertakings and guarantee commitments.

The above-mentioned subscription undertakings and guarantee commitments are not secured through, for example, bank guarantees.

### **Terms of the rights issue**

The Company's shareholders have preferential rights to subscribe for new shares in Castellum in proportion to the number of shares held on the record date of the rights issue. The record date for the right to participate in the rights issue is 11 May 2023. Those who are registered as shareholders in Castellum on the record date will receive one (1) subscription right for each share held in Castellum. Two (2) subscription rights entitle the holder to subscribe for one (1) new share in Castellum.

Should all shares not be subscribed for by virtue of subscription rights, the Board of Directors shall, within the framework of the rights issue's maximum amount, decide on the allocation of shares which have not been subscribed for by virtue of subscription rights. In such case, shares shall firstly be allotted to those who have also applied for subscription and subscribed for shares by virtue of subscription rights, irrespective of whether or not they were shareholders on the record date, 11 May 2023, pro rata in relation to the number of subscription rights exercised for subscription of shares or, to the extent not possible, through the drawing of lots. Secondly, allotment shall be made to others who have applied for subscription for shares without exercising subscription rights pro rata in relation to the number of shares stated in the respective application form or, to the extent not possible, through the drawing of lots. Lastly, allotment shall be made to Akelius Residential Property, Nordea Bank Abp, filial i Sverige and Citi Global Markets Europe AG in accordance with the guarantee commitments entered into with Castellum.

The rights issue will entail that Castellum's share capital will increase by not more than SEK 82,100,242, from the current SEK 172,865,984 to not more than SEK 246,300,726, through

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the issuance of not more than 164,200,484 new shares. After the rights issue, the number of outstanding shares in Castellum will amount to not more than 492,601,452 shares.<sup>11</sup>

The subscription price has been set to SEK 62 per share. Upon full subscription, the rights issue will result in proceeds for Castellum of approximately SEK 10,180 million before deduction of costs related to the rights issue. Upon full subscription of the rights issue, the number of shares in Castellum will increase with 164,200,484 shares, from 328,400,968 outstanding shares to 492,601,452 outstanding shares, which corresponds to a dilution of approximately 33.3 per cent of the number of outstanding shares and 33.3 per cent of the number of votes in the Company.<sup>12</sup> Shareholders who decide not to participate in the rights issue will have the possibility to partly gain economic compensation for the dilution by selling their subscription rights.

The shares in Castellum will be traded including the right to receive subscription rights up to and including 9 May 2023. The shares will be traded excluding the right to receive subscription rights from and including 10 May 2023. The record date for establishing who is entitled to receive subscription rights in the rights issue is 11 May 2023.

Subscription for new shares shall be carried out during the period from and including 15 May 2023 up to and including 29 May 2023. The Board of Directors of Castellum is entitled to extend the subscription period, which – in such case – would be announced through a press release as soon as such decision has been taken.

Trading with subscription rights in Castellum is expected to take place on Nasdaq Stockholm during the period from and including 15 May 2023 up to and including 24 May 2023.

The complete terms and conditions for the rights issue and information about Castellum will be presented in the prospectus regarding the rights issue, that is intended to be published on 10 May 2023 on the Company's website, [www.castellum.com](http://www.castellum.com).

#### Indicative timetable for the rights issue

Last day of trading in Castellum's shares including the right to receive subscription rights	9 May 2023
First day of trading in Castellum's shares excluding the right to receive subscription rights	10 May 2023
Estimated date for publication of the prospectus	10 May 2023
Record date for the right to receive subscription rights in the rights issue	11 May 2023

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Trading in subscription rights	15 – 24 May 2023
Subscription period	15 – 29 May 2023
Trading in paid subscribed shares (BTA)	15 May – 5 June 2023
Preliminary outcome of the rights issue is announced	30 May 2023
Final outcome of the rights issue is announced	1 June 2023

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### About Castellum

Castellum is one of the largest listed property companies in the Nordic region that develops flexible workplaces and smart logistics solutions. As of 31 March 2023, the property value totalled approximately SEK 174 billion, including the ownership share of the Norwegian company Entra ASA. We are active in attractive Nordic growth regions. One of our sustainability goals is to become entirely climate neutral by 2030 at the latest. Castellum is the only Nordic property and construction company elected to the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI). The Castellum share is listed on Nasdaq Stockholm Large Cap.

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