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Litorina Kapital III holds a first close at SEK 843m.

The Swedish private equity firm Litorina Kapital today announced the first close of its new fund, Litorina Kapital III, with capital commitments of SEK 843m (€92m). Established in 1998, Litorina Kapital is a private equity firm that focuses on acquiring and industrially developing small to mid-sized Swedish companies. Litorina Kapital III will make 10-12 investments in established, growing businesses in Sweden.

Harold Kaiser, Managing Partner, said: “We are delighted with the ongoing support we have received from our existing investors and with the high calibre of new investors who have committed to the fund”.

First close investors into Fund III include the Third Swedish National Pension Fund, the EIF, Access Capital Partners and Scandinavian Private Equity Partners.

Interesting investment opportunities in owner-managed companies

Litorina Kapital is one of the few private equity firms focusing on buying and industrially developing smaller companies in Sweden. Sample investments include LBC, the leading furniture logistics group in the Nordic region; PAX, a leading company within domestic fans, vents, towel rails and oil-filled radiators; Pelly, a leading supplier of flexible storage solutions; Tolerans, a global leader within the development, manufacturing and selling of advanced stitching systems for newspaper and commercial printing companies, and Q-MATIC, the world-leading company within queue management systems which has recently been sold to Altor for a return of more than 9 times the original investment.

The new fund will continue the successful strategy of investing in Swedish businesses in market leading positions with a potential for further expansion and will target companies with an enterprise value of SEK 100-500m (€11-55m).

“We have been investing in this sector for 8 years and we still see great potential in owner-managed companies”, says Harold Kaiser. “The key to success is to identify the stars within this population. We are very selective and typically only make 2-3 new investments per year”.

Since 1998, Litorina Kapital has invested approximately SEK 1,000m (€109m) in a total of 22 companies. The current portfolio consists of 11 companies with a combined turnover in excess of SEK 3bn.

Litorina Kapital was advised by Matrix Private Funds Group (London).