

## Press release

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Carina Åkerström, new head of Handelsbanken in Eastern Sweden

**Carina Åkerström has today been appointed new head of Handelsbanken's regional bank in Eastern Sweden. At the same time she has been appointed Executive Vice President of Handelsbanken and becomes a member of the Bank's senior management team.**

Carina Åkerström is currently regional area manager at the regional bank in Stockholm. She succeeds Anders Ohlner who has been appointed head of Handelsbanken's regional bank in Southern Sweden.

Carina Åkerström takes up her new position on 20 August.

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