

TAP ADVISORS OPENS STOCKHOLM OFFICE TO FOCUS ON NORDIC REGION - APPOINTS PATRIK S. NELSON AS HEAD OF NORDIC

NEW YORK – January 14, 2019 - TAP Advisors ("TAP"), a New York and London-based investment banking boutique, has opened its Stockholm office, and has appointed Patrik S. Nelson to lead the effort in the Nordic region.

Founded in 2009, TAP Advisors provides its clients with a full range of merger and acquisition advisory services, private financing solutions, and cross-border and international expertise. Mr. Nelson, a native Swedish speaker and raised in Stockholm, joined TAP in 2010 from Evercore Partners, where he was a Managing Director in the corporate advisory business in New York. Prior to joining Evercore, Mr. Nelson was an Executive Director in the Telecommunications Group at UBS Investment Bank in New York, starting his career at Dillon Read (a predecessor firm to UBS). Prior to joining Dillon Read, Mr. Nelson worked in the corporate development department at Crane Company, a manufacturer of engineered industrial products.

"We are thrilled to have Patrik strengthen our focus on the Nordic region by establishing a physical presence in Stockholm. My co-founding partner, Davis Terry, and I have known Patrik for 25 years and have worked with him during most of that time, including since starting TAP Advisors," said Karim F. Tabet, Founding Partner at TAP Advisors. "We intend to continue to capitalize on our strong expertise across key relevant Nordic industry sectors - Telecom services and infrastructure, Technology, Digital Media, FinTech and Health Care – and through our Stockholm office offer senior level attention on the ground seamlessly integrated with the global resources of the firm. Patrik's extensive strategic and corporate finance advisory experience and proven ability to advise clients across various industry sectors and geographies will allow him to add significant value to clients who seek strategic and/or financing advice."

Mr. Nelson has 25 years of M&A and capital raising experience across a number of industry sectors, including telecommunications services, information technology, financial services, transportation & logistics, industrial, real estate, consumer products, energy, cleantech and health care. In addition to providing advice to corporate and financial sponsor clients in North America, Mr. Nelson has advised clients in Europe, Latin America, and the Asia-Pacific region. Within the telecom segment, Mr. Nelson has worked on transactions for AT&T, T-Mobile, Verizon, and Vodafone among others.

"I look forward to building TAP Advisors' Nordic investment banking practice. After spending more than two decades in the U.S., it is very exciting to be back in Stockholm and the Nordic region which is experiencing significant M&A and capital raising activity. TAP has a team of high-quality, seasoned professionals in New York and London and I look forward to working with them to provide a full suite of corporate and financing advisory services on a global scale to clients in the Nordic region," said Mr. Nelson.

Mr. Nelson speaks fluent Swedish and is conversant in both French and Spanish. He graduated summa cum laude from Babson College with a B.S. in Finance.

TAP Advisors has been a member of the Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce in New York since 2010.

TAP Advisors' offices are located at Kungsgatan 8, 111 43 Stockholm, Sweden.