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## **Storytel AB (publ)**

20 February 2020

### **PRESS RELEASE**

## **Storytel has completed a directed share issue and thereby raises approximately SEK 948m**

**INSIDE INFORMATION:** The Board of Directors of Storytel AB (publ) (“Storytel” or the “Company”) has, in accordance with the announcement made in a press release earlier today, successfully completed a directed issue of 5,963,152 shares corresponding to approximately SEK 948m (the “Directed issue”). The subscription price in the Directed issue has been determined through an accelerated book building procedure performed by ABG Sundal Collier and Swedbank AB (publ) in cooperation with Kepler Cheuvreux. The Directed issue was significantly oversubscribed. A large number of Swedish and international institutional investors participated, such as Handelsbanken Fonder, Livförsäkringsbolaget Skandia, Skandia Fonder, Swedbank Robur, TIN Fonder and Vitruvian Partners, among others.

#### **Summary of the Directed issue**

The Board of Directors of Storytel has, based on the issue authorisation granted by the annual general meeting on 15 May 2019, and as indicated in the Company’s press release on 20 February 2020, resolved on a directed share issue.

- The Directed issue encompasses a total of 5,963,152 shares.
- The subscription price in the Directed issue was set at 159.0 SEK per share, and was determined through an accelerated book building procedure led by ABG Sundal Collier and Swedbank AB (publ).
- Through the Directed issue the Company will receive proceeds of approximately SEK 948m before transaction related costs
- The subscription price in the Directed issue is equivalent to a discount of approximately 2.2 percent in relation to the closing price on Nasdaq First North Growth Market on 20 February.
- The Directed issue entails a dilution of approximately 9.6 percent of the number of shares in the Company. Through the Directed issue, the number of shares outstanding and votes will increase by 5,963,152 from 56,109,410 to 62,072,562 (distributed as 62,071,927 B-shares and 635 A-shares, respectively). The share capital increase by approximately SEK 2,981,567 from SEK 28,054,705 to SEK 31,036,281.
- The Directed issue was directed to selected Swedish and international institutional investors, among others, Handelsbanken Fonder, Livförsäkringsbolaget Skandia, Skandia Fonder, Swedbank Robur, TIN Fonder and Vitruvian Partners.

The Board of Directors’ assessment, based on the accelerated book building process executed by ABG Sundal Collier and Swedbank AB (publ) in cooperation with Kepler Cheuvreux, is that the Directed issue was carried out on customary terms in accordance with market conditions. The reason for the



deviation from the shareholder's preferential rights was to allow the Company to raise capital in a time and cost-effective manner and with favourable conditions raise capital for the Company's continued expansion, as well as to diversify the shareholder base with Swedish and international investors. The proceeds are intended to, inter alia, finance the Company's accelerated investments in content production, sales and marketing in line with the Storytel's communicated expansion strategy.

### **Advisers**

ABG Sundal Collier AB was Sole Global Coordinator and Joint Bookrunner, Swedbank AB (publ) in cooperation with Kepler Cheuvreux was Joint Bookrunner and Baker McKenzie was legal advisor to the Company in connection with the Directed issue.

### **Responsible person**

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