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## **Storytel AB (publ)**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **Storytel intends to carry out a directed share issue through an accelerated book building process**

**INSIDE INFORMATION: Storytel AB (publ) (“Storytel” or the “Company”)** intends to carry out a directed issue of up to approximately 5.4 million shares through an accelerated book building procedure (the “Directed Issue”). The Directed Issue will be directed to Swedish and international institutional investors. The proceeds from the Directed Issue will *inter alia* be used for the Company’s accelerated investments in content production, sales and marketing as well as to finance potential future acquisition opportunities in accordance with the Company’s communicated expansionary strategy. Storytel has engaged ABG Sundal Collier AB and Swedbank AB (publ) to explore the conditions to conduct the Directed issue.

#### **The Directed Issue**

Storytel has, based on the authorization given by Storytel’s Annual General Meeting on May 6, 2020, engaged ABG Sundal Collier AB and Swedbank AB (publ) to investigate the possibilities to conduct a directed issue of up to approximately 5.4 million shares directed to Swedish and international investors of institutional character through an accelerated book building procedure. The book building process will begin at 17.31 CET today on 10 March 2021. The Directed Issue is contingent on a resolution by the Board of Directors, which, alongside pricing and allocation is expected to occur prior to the beginning of trading on Nasdaq First North Growth Market at 09.00 CET on 11 March 2021. The Board of Directors may decide to extend or shorten the application period and can at any moment decide to terminate the book building process and thus refrain from conducting the Directed issue.

The proceeds from the Directed Issue will *inter alia* be used for the Company’s accelerated investments in content production, sales and marketing as well as to finance potential future acquisition opportunities in accordance with the Company’s communicated expansion strategy.

The reason for the deviation from the shareholders’ preferential rights is also to perform a capital raise in a time and cost-effective manner and to raise capital at favourable conditions for the Company’s continued expansion, as well as to diversify the shareholder base with Swedish and international institutional investors.

#### **Advisers**

ABG Sundal Collier AB and Swedbank AB (publ) are Joint Bookrunners and Baker McKenzie is legal advisor to the Company in connection with the Directed Issue.



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