

Schroders Hires Aktia Duo

Stockholm (HedgeNordic) – British asset manager Schroders has hired Jan Brännback and Janne Lähdesmäki, two experienced fund managers from Finnish asset manager Aktia Asset Management. The duo, who specializes in small and micro caps, will join Schroders next year and will be based in Schroders' Helsinki office.

"The Nordic region is home to some of the world's most innovative companies and we expect Jan and Janne to provide our Equities business with on the ground insight into future technologies and leading edge sustainable businesses," comments Rory Bateman, Head of Equities at Schroders. "Their investment process is geared towards identifying innovative growth companies that demonstrate a structural competitive edge in their sectors. Integrating sustainable risks and opportunities is also a key component."

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Jan Brännback and Janne Lähdesmäki managed Aktia's Nordic, Nordic Small Cap, Nordic Micro Cap and Capital funds. Both portfolio managers have achieved the highest AAA rating of UK analysis and insight company Citywire, with the rating based on the risk-adjusted return of all funds managed by the portfolio managers. Fewer than one in four portfolio managers achieve a Citywire rating, and only the best 10 percent of these receive the AAA rating.

The Citywire AAA-rated managers have a combined 36 years of investment experience, with a focus on allocating capital to quality growth companies at a reasonable price. They will work closely with the Global and International Small-Cap teams at Schroders, as well as its broader European equity managers.

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"These appointments further reinforce our commitment to market-leading active management, the investment needs of our clients and the region having opened our Helsinki office in 2019," comments Henrik Jonsson, Head of the Nordic region at Schroders. "We believe our clients in the Nordics and beyond stand to benefit from their talent."