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## **PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT**

# **Trading in Arion Bank SDRs on Nasdaq Stockholm to begin 11:30 CEST on 15 June 2018**

*Reykjavik, 15 June 2018*

The first day of trading of the Arion Bank ordinary shares on Nasdaq Iceland and of the SDRs on Nasdaq Stockholm is today 15 June 2018 and trading will commence on both markets simultaneously. With the current two hour difference between Iceland and Sweden, this effectively means, and as disclosed in the prospectus, that trading of ordinary shares on Nasdaq Iceland will begin at 9:30 GMT and the trading of the SDRs on Nasdaq Stockholm will begin at 11:30 CEST.

For technical reasons at Nasdaq Stockholm, the trading of SDRs will be flagged as suspended during 09:00-11:30 CEST. Order entry and management of the SDRs on Nasdaq Stockholm will be allowed as of 11:20 CEST.

The price of the Arion Bank ordinary shares and SDRs has been announced in a separate press release.

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In connection with the IPO, the stabilisation manager may, for stabilisation purposes, over-allot Shares and SDRs up to a maximum of 15% of the total number of Shares and SDRs comprised in the IPO. For the purposes of allowing it to cover short positions resulting from any such over-allotments and/or from sales of Shares and SDRs effected by it during the stabilisation period, the stabilisation manager is expected to enter into over-allotment arrangements pursuant to which the stabilisation manager may purchase or procure purchasers for additional Shares and SDRs up to a maximum of 15% of the total number of Shares and SDRs comprised in the IPO (the “**Over Allotment Securities**”) at the offer price. The over-allotment arrangements will be exercisable in whole or in part, upon notice by the stabilisation manager, at any time on or before the 30th calendar day after the commencement of conditional dealings of the Shares and the SDRs on NASDAQ Iceland and NASDAQ Stockholm, respectively. Any Over-allotment Securities made available pursuant to the over-allotment arrangements, including for all dividends and other distributions declared, made or paid on the Shares and SDRs, will be purchased on the same terms and conditions as the Shares and SDRs being issued or sold in connection with the IPO and will form a single class for all purposes with the other Shares and SDRs, respectively.