

Media release

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Bank Sarasin: Official response to current media reports

Bank Sarasin & Co. Ltd has learned that discussions are apparently under way with several potentially interested parties concerning a reduction of Rabobank's holding in Sarasin. At present Rabobank is retaining its majority shareholding and is keeping all its options open.

Board of Directors and Executive Committee of Bank Sarasin adhere to be standing by its strategy Sarasin has embarked upon and the independent position as a strong Swiss private bank.

Bank Sarasin will not be making any comment about the ongoing discussions or the interested parties.

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The Sarasin Group has its roots as a leading Swiss private bank. As an international financial service provider committed to sustainability, the Group is now represented in more than 20 locations in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. By end of June 2011 it managed total client assets of CHF 101.6 billion and employed around 1,600 staff. Its majority shareholder is the AAA-rated Dutch Rabobank.

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