



# Strong deal activity in Q4 finishes off a robust year in M&A

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Swedish M&A update - Q4 2025



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# Cross-border Corporate M&A paved the way for a strong finish in 2025 with AM&M and TMT sectors staying on top

During the fourth quarter of 2025, we observed **416 transactions** in the Swedish M&A market, a **c. 7% uptick in deal volumes** compared to the same quarter in 2024.

**Year-over-year deal activity increased by nearly 18%** in 2025, showcasing the Swedish M&A market's ability to withstand geopolitical turmoil.

The trend of **favorable financing conditions** and the **appetite to pursue M&A** despite geopolitical uncertainty is **anticipated to carry over into 2026** giving support to **continued deal activity**.

**AM&M and TMT** continued to account for the **main portion** of the deal activity in Q4 2025. On a full year basis, AM&M and Consumer sectors experienced the most significant increase in number of deals.

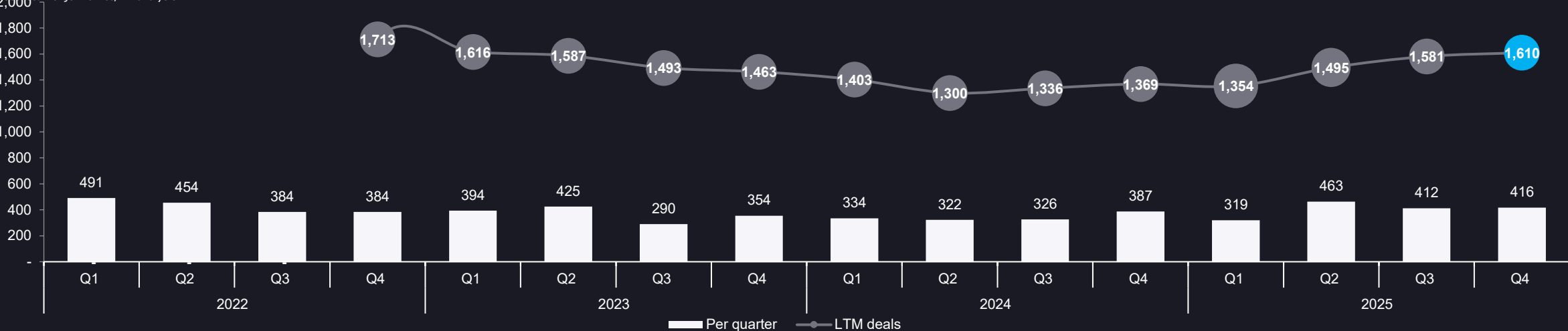
**PE's share of total deals declined** from 25% in Q4 2024 to 14% in Q4 2025 driven by fewer platform investments while portfolio companies remained active with add-ons. **PE funds continue exit preparations** (in parallel with valuation creation initiatives) for portfolio companies through routes of M&A, Continuation Vehicles and IPOs.

**Domestic transactions accounted for 30%** of the total activity while **outbound and inbound transactions** represented **55%** and **15%** respectively. The trend towards outbound deals underlines the **increased use of cross-border M&A** by Swedish companies to enhance competitiveness and pursue growth opportunities.

In the last quarter of 2025, there were **four IPOs in Sweden**, most notably the listing of **Verisure at a market cap of SEK 150bn**. The Stockholm stock exchange **was one of Europe's top IPO markets**, hosting four of ten largest IPOs in Europe in 2025.

Number of transactions in the Swedish M&A market

Source: Mergermarket, EY analysis

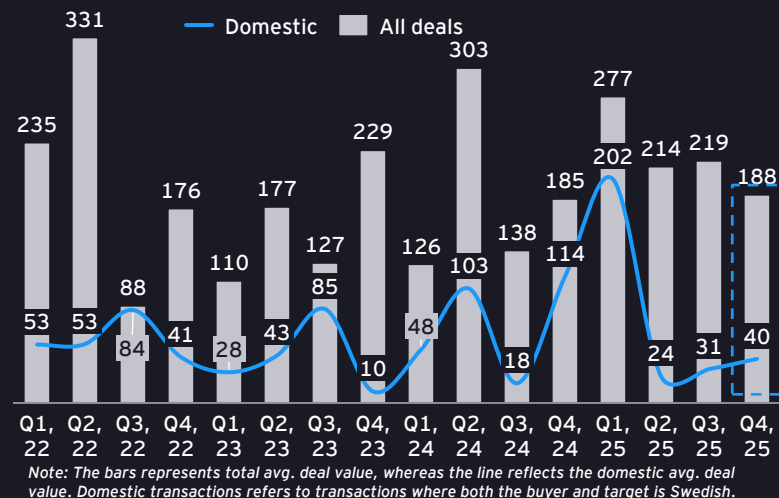




# Quarterly highlights

## Average deal value (\$m)

Source: Mergermarket



## Transactions in Q4 2025

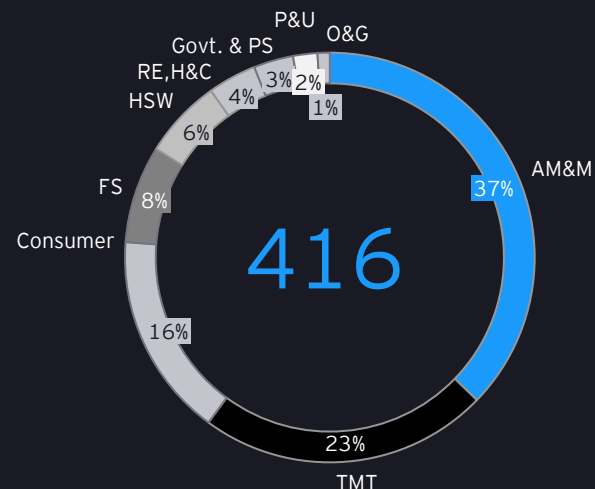
81 transactions (out of 416) announced deal value, with an average value of **\$188m in Q4**.

Of the 81 transactions, **25%** had a deal value below \$10m, while **49%** reported values between \$10 and \$100m, and the remaining **26%** exceeded **\$100m**.

The average deal value for the full year 2025 increased to \$222m, up by 18% compared to \$187m in 2024.

## Q4 share of transactions per industry

Source: Mergermarket

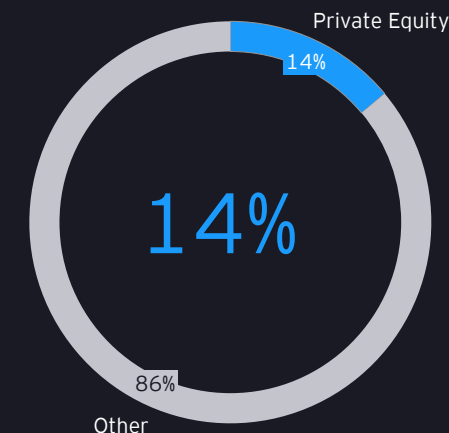


## Deals per industry

The **AM&M** sector remains the most active with **155** deals in Q4 2025 followed by TMT and Consumer (see p.7 for more details).

## Q4 share of transactions involving Private Equity firms

Source: Mergermarket



## PE deal activity

In Q4 2025, the share of PE-led transactions came in at **14%** (decrease from c. **25%** in Q4'24). PE firms participated in **58** transactions (compared to **96** in Q4 2024).

Notable PE-led transactions in Q4 included Impilo's acquisition in **Oticon Medical AS** and EQT's acquisition of **A-Train AB**.

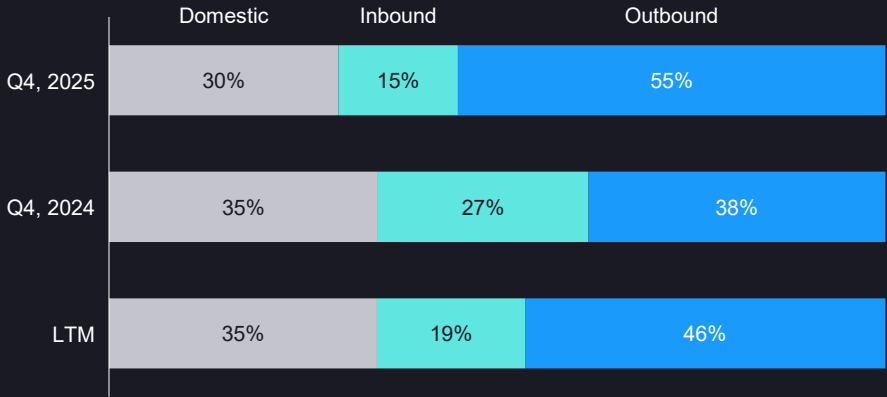
## Selected transactions in Q4 2025 with disclosed deal values

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Deal value USD*	3 370m	2 305m	1 800m	1 500m	903m	839m
Description	Public Property Invest ASA has agreed to acquire 737 social infrastructure properties from Samhallsbyggnadsbolaget i Norden AB. The transaction is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2026.	EQT AB along with Athos and Merckle has agreed to acquire Desotec SA/NV, the Belgium based manufacturer of carbon made products, from Blackstone Inc. The transaction is expected to close during H1 2026.	Legato Merger Corp III has entered into a business combination agreement with Einride AB, the Sweden based manufacturer of autonomous and electric trucks. The deal is expected to close in first half of 2026.	Swedish Orphan Biovitrum AB, the Sweden based clinical stage biopharmaceutical company is to acquire ArthroSi Therapeutics Inc, the United States based developer of biotechnology drugs.	EQT AB, has agreed to acquire 37.65% stake in Douzone Bizon Co Ltd, the local software company engaged with ERP Solution, electronic billing and other computer software development from Yong Woo Kim, CEO of Duzon Dass Co Ltd.	Ingka Investments BV, has agreed to acquire the forest holding and related activities in the Baltics of Sodra AB. The transaction is subject to approval by the relevant authorities in Latvia and Estonia.
Industry	Government & Public Sector	AM&M	AM&M	Health Sciences & Wellness	TMT	AM&M

# Transaction arena

Share of domestic vs. cross-border\* transactions

Source: Mergermarket, S&P Capital IQ



\*Inbound transactions are defined as transactions with Swedish target and foreign buyer, whereas outbound transactions involve Swedish buyer and foreign target, together forming cross-border transactions.

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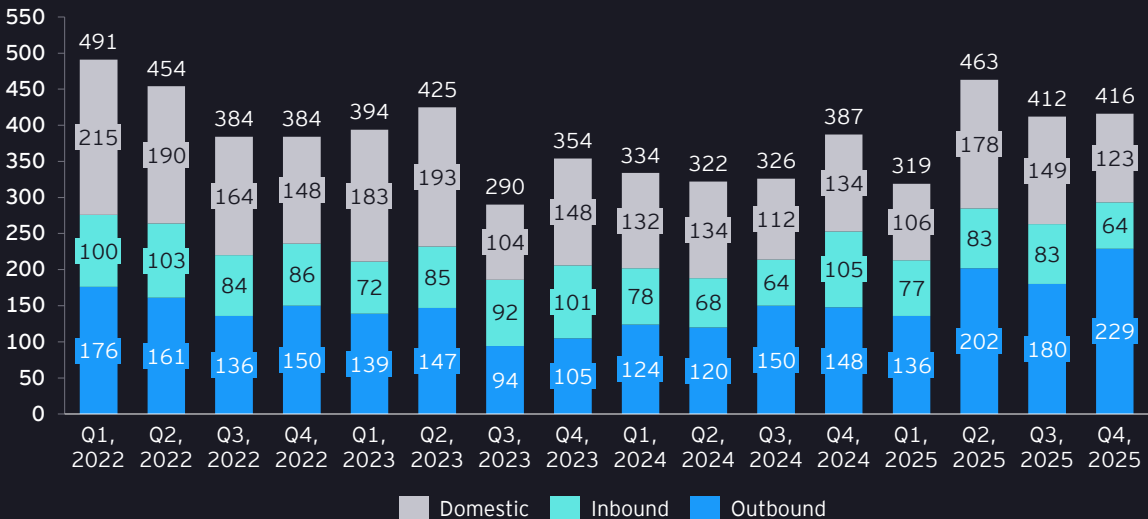
In Q4 2025, domestic transactions accounted for 30% of all transactions, down from 35% in Q4 2024. On an LTM basis, the share of domestic deals was more or less unchanged with a marginal decline from 37% in 2024 to 35% in 2025.

The most notable change is within the TMT sector where domestic transactions accounted only for 16% of the Q4 deals, compared to 30% on a full-year basis. Similarly, share of domestic AM&M deals decreased to 33% in Q4 2025, compared to 39% full year 2025.

The ongoing shift from domestic and inbound deals towards outbound transactions highlights Swedish companies' willingness to pursue geographical expansion through cross-border M&A. Swedish corporates accounted for c.85% of all outbound transactions in 2025, up from 77% in 2024.

Number of domestic, inbound and outbound transactions

Source: Mergermarket, S&P Capital IQ



# Activity by industry

Activity by Industry		# of transactions				Domestic transactions as % of total deals			PE as % of total deals		
Industry	2024	2025	Q4 2024	Q4 2025	Q4 Trend	FY 2024	FY 2025	Q4 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	Q4 2025
Advanced Manufacturing & Mobility	493	591	139	155	↗	40%	39%	33%	12%	10%	10%
Consumer	202	293	72	67	↘	50%	37%	34%	17%	15%	7%
Financial Services	71	95	17	32	↗	38%	26%	28%	31%	21%	22%
Government & Public Sector	7	22	1	13	↗	86%	50%	54%	-	18%	15%
Health Sciences & Wellness	112	132	35	26	↘	29%	24%	31%	44%	25%	27%
Oil & Gas	12	9	6	4	→	25%	33%	25%	33%	22%	0%
Power & Utilities	36	31	9	8	→	42%	26%	13%	17%	13%	0%
Real Estate, Hospitality & Constr.	69	75	19	16	→	49%	38%	50%	25%	19%	25%
TMT	367	362	89	95	↗	26%	30%	16%	39%	24%	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,369</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>416</b>		<b>37%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>14%</b>

Source: Mergermarket, S&P Capital IQ

Note: A domestic transaction requires both the target and bidder to be Swedish

## Industry activity

AM&M and TMT remained the most active sectors in Q4 and also for the full year 2025.

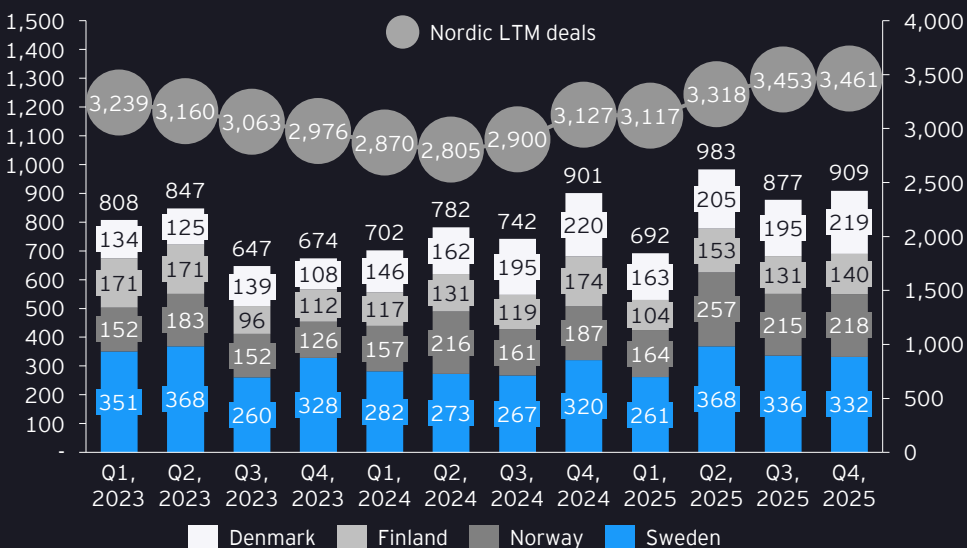
In terms of growth AM&M and Consumer sectors experienced the most favorable development in 2025.

Domestic transactions as a percentage of total deals decreased marginally full year 2025 over 2024, however there were large movements between sectors in particular Consumer and Real Estate, Hospitality and Construction. The TMT sector experienced a sharp drop in Q4 2025 compared to full year in 2024 and 2025.

The proportion of PE-involved deals continued its decline seen in previous quarters across most of sectors, especially in Consumer, TMT and Healthcare.

# Nordic overview

Nordic quarterly transactions, number of deals  
Source: Mergermarket

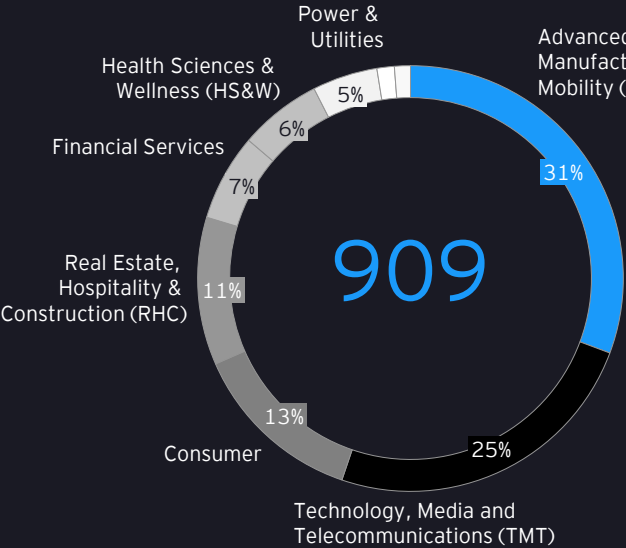


Note: Country split hierarchy considers first target geography and then buyer geography for transactions within Nordic countries to avoid any duplicates.

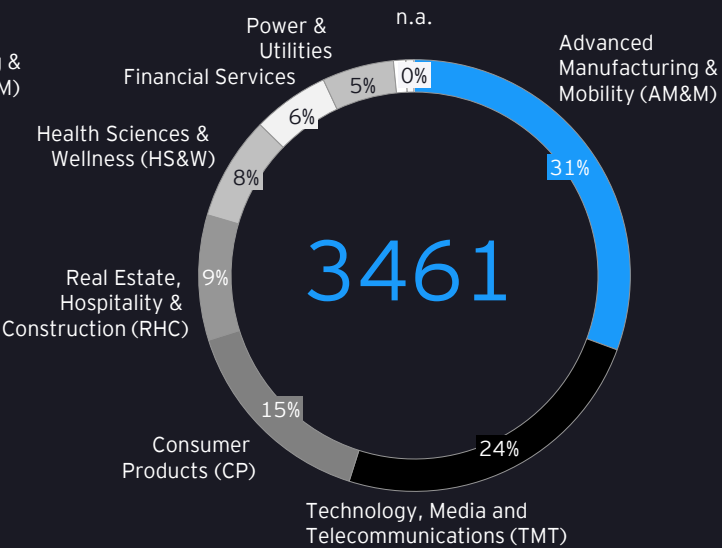
Deal volumes in Q4 2025 were in line with Q4 2024, with a **strong performance in Norway** (+17%) offset by a **slower activity in Finland** (-20%).

Nordic LTM deal activity remained in line with Q3, landing at 3461 for Q4/2025.

Nordic sector split, Q4 2025  
Source: Mergermarket



LTM Nordic sector split, per Q4 2025  
Source: Mergermarket



During Q4 2025, AM&M (31%) has been the most active sector in the Nordics, followed by TMT (25%), and CP (13%).

The largest cross-Nordic deal announcements included a €2.9b bid for a Nordic social property portfolio by Norwegian Aker ASA and Public Property Invest ASA from Swedish Samhallsbyggnadsbolaget i Norden AB, and Freudenberg & Co KG announced an €834m offer for Nilfisk A/S, a Danish manufacturer of cleaning equipment, from a group of PE owners, including the Norwegian Ferd Holding AS.



# Market update

## Nasdaq OMXS30 Index

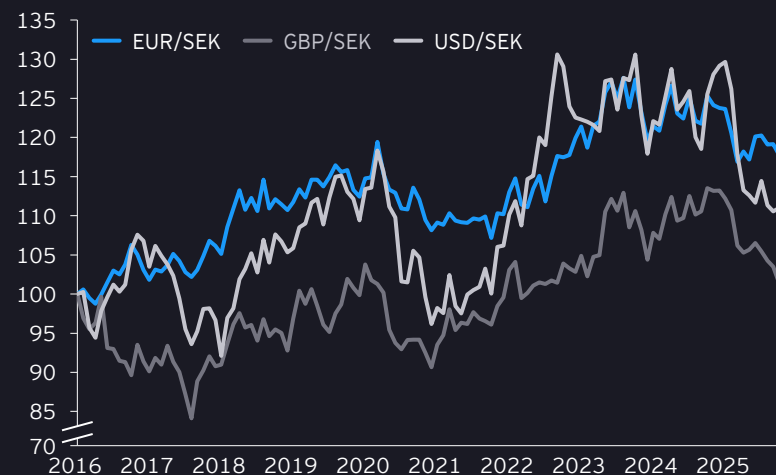
Source: Nasdaq



The **stock market ended the year with strong performance**, primarily fueled by defense-related and technology companies. During the quarter, there has been increased volatility, reflecting **concerns about high valuations**, particularly among **AI-related companies**.

## Foreign exchange rates (indexed)

Source: Riksbanken

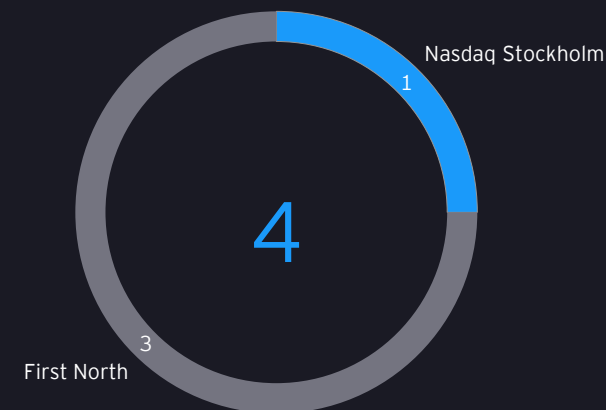


During Q4 2025, **Riksbanken** held two monetary policy meetings in November and December. The **policy rate remained unchanged at 1.75%**. Riksbanken cited improving inflation and recovering economy, indicating that the rate is **expected to remain stable** for 'some time to come'.

In Q4, the **Swedish krona maintained strong**, trading near multi-year highs against major currencies. The **SEK was also the best-performing G10 currency in 2025**. Market expectations suggest that the SEK will continue to gradually appreciate, in line with anticipated improved economic outlook for Sweden.

## # IPOs in Q4 2025

Source: Nasdaq



The Swedish IPO market finished the year strong with the listing of **Verisure** (with market cap of SEK 150bn), the **largest IPO in Europe** in 2025. Additionally, in early December, **WS WeSports Group** listed on First North with market cap of SEK 2.2bn.

In 2025, **four of top 10 IPOs in Europe were listed on the Nasdaq Stockholm**, a reflection of the attractiveness of the Swedish capital markets.

Throughout 2025, there has been a **strong buildup of the IPO pipeline** indicating a potential for higher activity in 2026 should these opportunities be converted to successful listings.

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