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## PRESS RELEASE

# **Ependion has carried out a directed share issue of approximately SEK 300 million**

The Board of Directors of Ependion AB (publ) ("Ependion" or the "Company") has pursuant to the authorisation granted by the annual general meeting on 13 May 2025, in accordance with the intention set out in the Company's press release earlier today, resolved on a directed share issue of 2,912,622 ordinary shares, at a subscription price of SEK 103.00 per share (the "Share Issue"). Through the Share Issue, the Company raises proceeds of approximately SEK 300 million before transaction costs. The subscription price and total number of new ordinary shares in the Share Issue have been determined through an accelerated bookbuilding procedure conducted by Danske Bank A/S, Danmark, Sverige Filial ("Danske Bank"). The net proceeds from the Share Issue are intended to be used to partially finance the initial purchase price of the previously announced acquisition of Welotec GmbH ("Welotec"). A number of Swedish and international institutional investors, as well as certain existing shareholders, participated in the Share Issue.

Ependion's Board of Directors has, in accordance with the intention set out in the Company's press release earlier today, resolved on the Share Issue of 2,912,622 ordinary shares, at a subscription price of SEK 103.00 per share, consequently raising proceeds of approximately SEK 300 million before transaction costs. The subscription price per share corresponds to the closing price of the Company's share on 15 May 2025 on Nasdaq Stockholm. A number of Swedish and international institutional investors, as well as certain existing shareholders, including Stena Adactum AB, Svolder AB and Nordea Funds AB, participated in the Share Issue. The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the Share Issue to partially finance the initial purchase price of the acquisition of Welotec.

As previously communicated, the Board of Directors has carefully considered the option to raise the proceeds through a rights issue and makes the assessment that there are several reasons why it is preferable for the Company and the shareholders to raise the proceeds through a directed share issue, which enables Ependion to execute its acquisition strategy in a timely and cost-effective manner, in combination with limiting market exposure. The reasons for the deviation from the shareholders' preferential rights are (i) that the Share Issue in relation to the Company's market capitalisation is limited in size, which would entail that a rights issue process would be disproportionately burdensome to carry out, causing costs and time in the form of complex processes for the Company; (ii) to increase flexibility regarding the timing of the Share Issue in relation to the closing of the acquisition, in order to minimise exposure to market risks and negative effects on the share price and the need for bridge financing; (iii) based on the



current market climate, a rights issue could require underwriting commitments, which would entail additional costs; and (iv) the Board of Directors considers it advantageous to further diversify and strengthen the Company's shareholder base with additional institutional investors and to increase interest in and improve the liquidity of the Company's ordinary share.

The Board of Directors' overall assessment is that due to the reasons above, a directed share issue which deviates from the preferential rights of existing shareholders, was the most advantageous option for both the Company and for all shareholders. Since the subscription price in the Share Issue was determined through an accelerated bookbuilding procedure to Swedish and international institutional investors, the Board of Directors assesses that the subscription price accurately reflected current market conditions and demand.

The Share Issue increases the total number of shares in Ependion by 2,912,622, from 29,398,214 to 32,310,836, divided into 32,152,255 ordinary shares and 158,581 class C shares, the total number of votes by 2,912,622.00, from 29,255,491.10 to 32,168,113.10 and the share capital by SEK 970,874.01, from SEK 9,799,404.73 to SEK 10,770,278.74, which leads to a dilution effect for existing shareholders of approximately 9.01 percent based on the total number of shares in Ependion after the Share Issue and approximately 9.05 percent based on the total number of votes in Ependion after the Share Issue.

The Company has agreed to a lock-up undertaking, with customary exceptions (including issuing or transferring shares in relation to incentive programs), under which the Board of Directors is not allowed to propose or decide on any new share issue for a period of 180 calendar days after settlement in the Share Issue. In addition, all members of the Company's Board of Directors, being shareholders in the Company at the time for the Share Issue, and executive management have undertaken, with certain exceptions (including selling or otherwise disposing of shares for purposes of financing tax payments under incentive programs), not to sell or otherwise dispose of any shares in Ependion for a period of 90 calendar days after settlement in the Share Issue.

#### **Advisors**

Danske Bank provides debt financing and is the Sole Global Coordinator and Bookrunner to Ependion regarding the Share Issue. Mannheimer Swartling Advokatbyrå AB is the legal counsel to Ependion concerning the Share Issue. Advokatfirman Schjødt is counsel to Danske Bank in connection with the Share Issue.

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This information is such that Ependion AB is obliged to make public pursuant to the EU Market Abuse Regulation (EU No 596/2014). The information was submitted for publication, through the care of the contact person specified, on 15 May at 23:00 CEST.

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Solely for the purposes of the product governance requirements contained within: (a) EU Directive 2014/65/EU on markets in financial instruments, as amended ("MiFID II"); (b) Articles 9 and 10 of Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2017/593 supplementing MiFID II; and (c) local implementing measures (together, the "MiFID II Product Governance Requirements"), and disclaiming all and any liability, whether arising in tort, contract or otherwise, which any "manufacturer" (for the purposes of the MiFID II Product Governance Requirements) may otherwise have with respect thereto, the shares in Ependion have been subject to a product approval process, which has determined that such shares are: (i) compatible with an end target market of retail investors and investors who meet the criteria of professional clients and eligible counterparties, each as defined in MiFID II; and (ii) eligible for distribution through all distribution channels as are permitted by MiFID II (the "EU Target Market Assessment"). Solely for the purposes of each manufacturer's product approval process in the United Kingdom, the target market assessment in respect of the shares in Ependion has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for such shares is only eligible counterparties, as defined in the FCA Handbook Conduct of Business Sourcebook, and professional clients, as defined in Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("UK MiFIR"); and (ii) all channels for distribution of such shares to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate (the "UK Target Market Assessment" and, together with the EU Target Market Assessment, the "Target Market Assessment"). Notwithstanding the Target Market Assessment, Distributors should note that: the price of the shares in Ependion may decline and investors could lose all or part of their investment; the shares in Ependion offer no quaranteed income and no capital protection; and an investment in the shares in Ependion is compatible only with investors who do not need a guaranteed income or capital protection, who (either alone or in conjunction with an appropriate financial or other adviser) are capable of evaluating the merits and risks of such an investment and who have sufficient resources to be able to bear any losses that may



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Each distributor is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the shares in Ependion and determining appropriate distribution channels.

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