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Accent Equity acquires Nordic Shelter Solutions

The private equity fund Accent Equity 2008 and company management have acquired Nordic Shelter Solutions (NSS) from investors represented by Helmet Business Mentors. NSS Group, is Northern Europe's leading company within the fields of rental and sales of tarpaulins, weather shelters and halls as well as sale of transport protection. NSS Group is represented in Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Russia, the Baltics and Poland. The company's revenue amounts to EUR 64 million and has a staff of 125 people.

NSS' origin dates back to the 1830s when Scott William Gibson founded "The Factories of Jonsered" for the manufacturing of sailcloth and cordage in Gothenburg, Sweden. Tarpaulins were introduced already in the 1950s and weather shelters in the 1980s. NSS is still operating the Jonsered's brand and in addition with the brands Hallbyggarna, Lainapeite, Nordic Hall and IPS Dansk Presenning and in addition the trade mark Gibson being a sophisticated patented weather shelter.

NSS is today Northern Europe's leading company within the field of advanced weather protection for demanding application areas. NSS' business has grown out of its home markets in Sweden and Finland to the Nordic region and Eastern Europe – in Russia where the company is represented by a local Russian organisation.

NSS' success is based on a very high level of knowledge and engineering excellence. This enables the company to be the natural first choice as new European construction norms are putting more demand on "Construction under roof".

"We anticipate strong sales growth in all existing markets – not least in Russia and other parts of Eastern Europe," says Jan Ohlsson, CEO of Accent Equity Partners, advisor to Accent Equity 2008. "In addition we will focus on broadening the company's product line of advanced systems and products for weather protection in order to fulfill our customers' increasing demand."

NSS' management team has invested a significant share of the company alongside Accent Equity 2008.

"It feels very inspiring to become an owner alongside Accent and take part in bringing NSS to a new level" says Peo Lindholm, CEO of NSS. "Our objective is to invest in growth, and I believe that the combination of our deep knowledge within the field of weather protection and Accent's documented value enhancement ability will prove to be a fruitful combination."

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Nordic Shelter Solutions (NSS) provides and develops comprehensive solutions for the covering, sheltering and warehousing needs of its customers. NSS' provides substantial financial and quality added value. NSS Group is represented in Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Russia, the Baltics and Poland. The company's revenue amounts to EUR 64 million and has a staff of 125 people. www.nss-group.com

Accent Equity is a leading lower mid-market group of private equity funds specializing in corporate buyouts in the Nordic region. Accent Equity Partners is an advisor to funds with a committed capital of about SEK 10 billion. Since the mid-nineties, the Accent team has advised six funds and carried out some 50 buyouts and 40 exits. Accent invests in well-established Nordic companies with clear potential for value creation via strong growth, operational improvements and strategic development. Further information: www.accentequity.se

Helmet Business Mentors Oy is a Finnish private equity investor specializing in ownership arrangements and industrial development. It has invested funds in over 30 companies with over 2400 employees. Along with four venture capital funds Helmet's investors include Finnish and foreign private persons, insurance companies and other institutions. The core team of Helmet consists of experienced Finnish business leaders. Further information: www.helmetcapital.fi.