

# FIDELIO

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## Mars Petcare to acquire AniCura

**AniCura, a leading European provider of high-quality veterinary care for companion animals, is acquired by Mars Petcare. AniCura was founded in 2011 by Fidelio Capital and The Animal Hospital Foundation in Greater Stockholm through the first merger of companion animal hospitals in the Nordic region. Since then the company has become a quality leader with presence in seven European countries. In 2014, Nordic Capital joined the company as a majority owner, with Fidelio Capital remaining as a significant shareholder.**

Born out of the idea that sharing resources creates opportunities for better veterinary care, AniCura has become a leader within veterinary care for companion animals and a valued partner for pet owners and veterinarians across Europe. AniCura offers a wide range of high quality medical services covering preventive and basic health care, as well as advanced diagnostics, internal medicine, intensive care, surgery and orthopedics.

*"Today's announcement marks yet another exciting milestone in the astonishing journey of AniCura. We would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincerest gratitude and appreciation to Peter Dahlberg, the rest of the management team and all other employees of AniCura for an incredible effort. We would also like to thank Nordic Capital and The Animal Hospital Foundation in Greater Stockholm for a great partnership. Last, but certainly not least, we would like to thank - and emphasise the importance of - all entrepreneurs and veterinarians who have joined AniCura and entrusted us with developing this fantastic company together. The acquisition by Mars Petcare represents the very first full exit in Fidelio Capital's history, and we are therefore particularly delighted to be able to hand over the ownership to a high-quality and well-reputed family-owned business. We are confident that AniCura, with Mars Petcare, has found the right partner in its continued journey as the leading European provider of high-quality veterinary care",* says Gabriel Fitzgerald, CEO at Fidelio Capital and Member of the Board of AniCura.

Since 2011, when Fidelio Capital laid the foundation of AniCura by acquiring three Swedish animal hospitals, the company has grown to employ more than 4,000 veterinary professionals at 200 animal hospitals and clinics across seven European countries. Today, AniCura is a role model and leading provider of advanced veterinary care, well-known for its investments in quality and people.

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### **About Fidelio Capital**

Fidelio Capital is a Swedish investment company that was established in 2010 with Katarina Martinson as the main investor. Fidelio Capital's founding principle is to combine the professional and active ownership model of Private Equity with a more flexible and long-term approach to investments and value creation. As a result, Fidelio Capital can operate as a professional, pragmatic and responsible owner with a clear focus on long-term value creation.

For more information about Fidelio Capital, please visit [www.fideliocapital.se](http://www.fideliocapital.se).

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## About Nordic Capital

Nordic Capital is a leading private equity investor in the Nordic region with a resolute commitment to creating stronger, sustainable businesses through operational improvement and transformative growth. Nordic Capital focuses on selected regions and sectors where it has deep experience and a proven track record. Core sectors are Healthcare, Technology & Payments, Financial Services, Industrial Goods & Services and Consumer & Retail, and key regions are the Nordics, Northern Europe, and globally for Healthcare. Since inception in 1989, Nordic Capital has invested EUR 12 billion in 100 investments. The Nordic Capital Funds are based in Jersey and are advised by advisory entities, which are based in Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Germany and the UK.

For further information about Nordic Capital, please visit [www.nordiccapital.com](http://www.nordiccapital.com).

## About Anicura

AniCura is a family of well-known animal hospitals and clinics specialised in veterinary care for companion animals. Born out of the idea that sharing resources creates opportunities for better veterinary care, the company was established in 2011 by Fidelio Capital and The Animal Hospital Foundation in Greater Stockholm as the first merger of companion animal hospitals in the Nordic region. Today, AniCura is a role model within specialised veterinary care and a valued partner for pet owners and referring veterinarians across Europe.

AniCura offers a wide range of high quality medical services covering preventive and basic health care as well as advanced diagnostics, internal medicine, intensive care, surgery and orthopaedics. AniCura also provides rehabilitation, physiotherapy and dietary advice and offers selected pet food and care products.

AniCura provides modern, high-quality veterinary care for pets at 200 European locations and creates peace of mind for pet owners through excellent access and patient safety. Every year, AniCura's 4 000 passionate veterinary professionals attend to more than two million companion animal patients. AniCura is a trusted training and referral body.

AniCura is majority owned by Nordic Capital. Other notable owners include Fidelio Capital and the Animal Hospital Foundation in Greater Stockholm (Stiftelsen Djursjukhus i Stor-Stockholm).

For information on how AniCura is working to shape the future of veterinary care, please visit our website [www.anicuragroup.com](http://www.anicuragroup.com).

## About Mars Petcare

Mars Petcare is a diverse and growing business with 75,000 Associates across 50+ countries dedicated to one purpose: A BETTER WORLD FOR PETS. With 75 years of experience, our portfolio of almost 50 brands serves the health and nutrition needs of the world's pets – including brands PEDIGREE®, WHISKAS®, ROYAL CANIN®, NUTRO™, GREENIES™, SHEBA®, CESAR®, IAMS™ and EUKANUBA™ as well as The WALTHAM Centre for Pet Nutrition which has advanced research in the nutrition and health of pets for over 50 years. Mars Petcare is also a leading veterinary health provider through a network of over 2,000 pet hospitals including BANFIELD™, BLUEPEARL™, PET PARTNERS™, and VCA™. We're also active in innovation and technology for pets, with WISDOM PANEL™ genetic health screening and DNA testing for dogs, the WHISTLE™ GPS dog tracker, and LEAP VENTURE STUDIO accelerator and COMPANION FUND™ programs that drive innovation and disruption in the pet care industry. As a family business and guided by our principles, we are privileged with the flexibility to fight for what we believe in – and we choose to fight for: A BETTER WORLD FOR PETS.

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