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New Management for ASSA ABLOY's division EMEA

Hans Johansson leaves his position as President of ASSA ABLOY's division EMEA. The management of EMEA is taken over by Bo Dankis, also President and CEO for ASSA ABLOY. Bo Dankis will be assisted by Matti Virtaala, President for Abloy Oy and Regional Manager Finland, and also by Ulf Södergren, President for Assa AB and Regional Manager Scandinavia.

The action, which was initiated by the company, is based on different views regarding the future management and organization of the business.

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