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## **RD VELHO AND SSF MERGE - NEW COMPANY SEEKS GROWTH IN DIGITISATION OF SERVICE BUSINESS**

**The design agency RD Velho and the software company SSF have agreed to merge. The companies employ 400 people in Finland and the Czech Republic and have a combined turnover of approximately EUR 30 million. The new company offers an internationally unique combination of software and product development expertise.**

The new company will form a centre of expertise in Finland, which will provide its customers with future-facing business solutions that integrate the physical and digital worlds, as well as providing insight and understanding of digital change, data security and advanced data analytics. The company's customers include leading industry and service operators such as ABB, Kone, Metso, Vaisala and Wärtsilä.

“Together with our customers, we are creating intelligent solutions that will positively impact our future. Both companies have internationally unique know-how, which enables us to help our customers face the challenges of the future more strongly than ever,” says **Mika Kiljala**, CEO of RD Velho.

The newly formed company is already active in Europe. It now seeks to expand in a market where the industrial digital revolution is accelerating.

“Joining RD Velho is a great step forward that will bring us international growth. Our growth will be based on a shared vision of the intelligent, sustainable and secure world that we have the opportunity to build with our customers,” states **Veera Sylvius**, Managing Director of SSF.

### **Strong values appeal**

RD Velho is especially known for designing intelligent machines, devices and digital solutions. The company focuses on industrial environments and service businesses. SSF's core businesses are software engineering, creating applications for security-critical devices and its unique space technology expertise.

Shared values played an important role in the merger negotiations. The new company aims to build an international workplace that attracts world-class pioneers and cares for the well-being of the work community.

“We share the same values in terms of team members, leadership and corporate culture. We want to be the best place to work for the creators of the future,” says Sylvius.

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## RD Velho & SSF together



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Employees **400**      Revenue **30.0+**  
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Kotka, Seinäjoki, Vaasa, Ylivieska, Oulu

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