



IFDS wins prestigious platform award

2009 UK Platform Awards recognise IFDS' market leading service provision to platforms for third year running.

London, 6 October 2009 - International Financial Data Services (IFDS), the international transfer agency joint venture between State Street Corporation and DST Systems, Inc., announced today that it received a prestigious industry award for its services to fund platforms at the 2009 UK Platform Awards. The awards were presented at a dinner and ceremony at London's Waldorf Hotel. The 'Best Platform Service Provider' award was voted for by the platforms themselves.

IFDS provides market-leading service and technology solutions for distributors, advisors and investors in the UK as well as Canada, Ireland and Luxembourg, and via Boston Financial Data Services to the U.S. market.

Simon Hudson-Lund, Chief Executive Officer, commented:

"We are delighted to have won the best service provider award for the third year running at these awards. What makes this award so valuable is that the platforms themselves vote for their choice of administrator. This is an independent endorsement of all the hard work we do at IFDS, on behalf of our clients, to service distributors and platforms. In particular, it recognises the specialist services we provide through our market-leading 'Distributor Services' team."

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International Financial Data Services ("IFDS"):

Is a 50/50 joint venture between affiliates of Boston-based **State Street Corporation**, the world's leading provider of services to institutional investors, and **DST Systems Inc.**, a Kansas City, Missouri-based leading provider of shareholder accounting services and proprietary systems.

IFDS is today recognised as the world's leading provider of investor record keeping and transfer agency solutions on a BPO (Business Process Outsourcing) and ASP (Application Service Provision) basis. Our services are provided to a wide range of global collective investment, wealth management and platform clients, supporting over 17 million accounts for over 190 organisations, over 9,000 funds and with over 2,700 experienced staff based in four locations (Canada, Ireland, Luxembourg & United Kingdom). Figures as June 30, 2009.

State Street Corporation:

State Street Corporation (NYSE: STT) is one of the world's leading providers of financial services to institutional investors including investment servicing, investment management and investment research and trading. With \$16.4 trillion in assets under custody and administration and \$1.6 trillion in assets under management at June 30, 2009, State Street operates in 27 countries and more than 100 geographic markets worldwide. For more information, visit State Street's web site at www.statestreet.com.

DST Systems, Inc.:

DST Systems, Inc. provides sophisticated information processing and computer software products and services to support the mutual fund, investment management, insurance and healthcare industries. In addition to technology products and services, DST provides integrated print and electronic statement and billing output solutions through a wholly owned subsidiary. DST's world-class data centers provide technology infrastructure support for mutual fund companies, healthcare providers, banks, mortgage bankers and insurance companies around the globe. DST is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, and is a publicly traded company on the New York Stock Exchange.

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