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IFDS / State Street receives double recognition as “European Transfer Agent of the Year”

IFDS / State Street become first double winners of the Transfer Agent award at the Funds Europe and ICFA European awards.

London, 20 December 2011 - International Financial Data Services (IFDS), the international transfer agency joint venture between State Street Corporation and DST Systems, Inc., has scooped the Funds Europe award for European Transfer Agent of the Year for the second year running. In addition IFDS / State Street achieved a market first by also winning the International Custody and Fund Administration European (ICFA) Award as European Transfer Agent of the Year, heading off competition from a range of other providers.

Both the Funds Europe and ICFA Awards are considered the benchmarks in the fund administration industry in identifying the leading providers of services across Europe with the winners being judged by panels of industry experts.

The IFDS group of companies, along with State Street, provides market-leading transfer agency, wealth management and investor record-keeping solutions for a wide range of institutions, distributors, advisors and investors in Austria, Australia, Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Singapore, Switzerland, the UK and the US.

Simon Hudson-Lund, Head of European Operations, commented:

“The role of the transfer agent in the European marketplace is now taking centre stage as one of the most critical services for fund groups. We are extremely proud to be the first organisation to win both European Transfer Agent of the year awards at the same time. These wins reinforce the decisions of our existing and new clients to trust us with their Transfer Agency solutions and underline our commitment to continue to lead the market.”

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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 18.5 million accounts for over 200 organisations, over 5,000 funds and with over 3,000 experienced staff based in four locations (Canada, Ireland, Luxembourg & United Kingdom). Figures as September 30, 2011.

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 \$22 trillion in assets under custody and administration and \$1.9 trillion in assets under management at September 30, 2011, State Street operates in 25 countries and more than 100 geographic markets worldwide.

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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