



IFDS inks extension deal with Aberdeen Europe's leading transfer agency signs contract extension until 2013 with Aberdeen for transfer agency services

London, 30 March 2009 - International Financial Data Services (IFDS), the international transfer agency joint venture between State Street Corporation and DST Systems, Inc., announced today the signing of a contract extension to provide Aberdeen Asset Management (Aberdeen), a leading international asset management group, with a wide range of transfer agency services and technologies to support its business.

The deal marks a contract extension until 2013 and further reinforces the relationship between Aberdeen and IFDS.

IFDS provides a full range of integrated transfer agency services including its award winning customer call centre as well as its specialist platform and distributor servicing solution, which provides a single point of contact for platforms and large distributors with extensive online reporting and information via the IFDS DistributorOnline portal.

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

Gary Marshall, Head of Collective Funds of Aberdeen, commented:

"We are extremely pleased to extend our relationship with IFDS. The extension is based on the ability of IFDS to deliver the high standards of services our investors, advisors and distributors demand. We have worked with IFDS for a number of years now and look forward to working with them going forward as our business evolves."

Simon Hudson-Lund, Chief Executive Officer, commented:

"I am delighted that Aberdeen has chosen to extend our successful relationship. Their decision sends a powerful message that IFDS continues to provide the leading range of transfer agency services to the market. We look forward to working with our colleagues at Aberdeen as they evolve and grow their business."

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Aberdeen Asset Management Ltd ("Aberdeen")

Aberdeen Asset Managers is a subsidiary of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC (Aberdeen), an international investment management group managing assets totaling **€14 billion (as at 31 December 2008)** for clients around the world. Since 1991, Aberdeen has been listed on the London Stock Exchange. The Group's principal areas of activity are equity, fixed income and property.

Aberdeen has offices in the following European cities Aberdeen, Amsterdam, Brussels, Cologne, Copenhagen, Edinburgh, Frankfurt, Glasgow, Helsinki, London, Luxembourg, Oslo, Paris, Stockholm and Zurich. The Group also has offices in Bangkok, Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur, Philadelphia, Singapore, Sydney and Tokyo. For more information visit www.aberdeen-asset.com

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 16.6 million accounts for over 190 organisations, and with over 2,100 experienced staff based in four locations (Canada, Ireland, Luxembourg & United Kingdom). Figures as December 30, 2008.

State Street Corporation:

State Street Corporation (NYSE: STT) is the world's leading provider of financial services to institutional investors including investment servicing, investment management and investment research and trading. With \$12 trillion in assets under custody and \$1.4 trillion in assets under management at December 31, 2008, State Street operates in 26 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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