

Collins Stewart launches stand alone Fund Management business and rebrands Wealth Management

London, Jersey, Guernsey, Isle of Man – 5th December 2007: Collins Stewart plc, a leading independent financial services group listed on the London Stock Exchange today announces the launch of a stand alone fund management business, Collins Stewart Fund Management and, the rebranding of its Wealth Management business, Collins Stewart Wealth Management.

Launch of Collins Stewart Fund Management

Collins Stewart Fund Management (www.collinsstewartfunds.com) is an independent, active and multi-disciplined investment manager focused on delivering investors high quality investment returns. We offer two ranges of funds 1) Multi-Manager, and 2) Specialist. The group has 10 Multi-Manager funds managed by one of the largest multi-manager teams in the UK, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, consisting of over 20 experienced fund specialists. We have a long and successful track record, and have been a longstanding investor in alternative assets. Our focused range of Specialist funds are managed by a collection of talented fund managers.

Neil Darke, Head of Collins Stewart Wealth Management and Collins Stewart Fund Management said:

“The creation of a separate identity for Collins Stewart Fund Management is a significant step for us. For too long, we have hidden some excellent Funds’ stories. We believe now it is time we invested in this business.”

“We have one of the UK’s largest and most experienced multi-manager teams, with a long and successful track record of delivering returns in different market conditions, courtesy of our bias towards absolute total return. We are confident we can compete successfully in the currently popular multi-manager arena. We also believe we have something different to offer in our focused range of specialist funds.”

Rebranding of Collins Stewart Wealth Management

Collins Stewart Wealth Management (www.collinsstewartwealth.com) offer preservation and growth through excellence, every day. We manage and administer in excess of £4.4bn of assets on behalf of valued private clients, intermediaries, charities and institutions through our range of sophisticated investment services, including portfolio management, stockbroking and investment funds via an international network of offices. We aim to preserve capital in falling markets and maximise returns on a risk-adjusted basis in rising markets, with a bias towards producing absolute total returns. Collins Stewart Wealth Management strongly believes that successful investing requires both a disciplined and systematic approach and innovative thinking to help navigate increasingly complex global financial markets. Our long-standing use of alternative asset classes has been key to meeting these objectives. We also have the advantage of using Quest™ - a unique proprietary stock research tool, which forms the backbone of Collins Stewart plc’s independent, world-class institutional services. Quest™ is backed by an experienced team of professionals, is fully integrated across Collins Stewart and is tailored by Collins Stewart Wealth Management for the benefit of its clients.

Neil Darke, Head of Collins Stewart Wealth Management and Collins Stewart Fund Management said:

“The investment in the rebranding of the Collins Stewart Wealth Management illustrates our commitment to growing our wealth management business. Collins Stewart is primarily known for its stockbroking and Aim fund raising business, yet we have an excellent wealth – and fund – management offering which deserves a wider audience. The rebranding is the first step on our journey to raise awareness of these businesses.”

The new visual metaphor for Collins Stewart Wealth Management emphasises our focus on preserving and growing wealth – through ‘ice’ (preservation) and ‘a flower’ (growth) respectively. The orchid has been selected to reflect the ‘unique’ investment services offered to clients and all imagery is bespoke reflecting our highly personalised client service.

Further details of the rebranding can be viewed at www.collinsstewartwealth.com/newchapter

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Collins Stewart Wealth Management (“CSWM”) is a leading portfolio manager and stockbroker with an absolute focus on preserving and growing wealth through excellence, every day.

Collins Stewart is the only Channel Island based trading member of the Channel Islands Stock Exchange and the largest offshore stockbroker in the Channel Islands. CSWM employs over 200 staff in London, Jersey, Guernsey, and the Isle of Man. CSWM manages and administers over £4.4bn of assets through an international network of offices, and is part of Collins Stewart Plc, a leading independent, financial services group listed on the London Stock Exchange.

Collins Stewart Plc employs over 700 staff in 11 international locations and is organised around four operational divisions: Securities, Capital Markets, Hawkpoint – a leading independent corporate finance advisory firm - and Wealth Management, all served by its unique research tool Quest™.

The Funds

Specialist Funds

1. **Collins Stewart UK Catalyst Fund** seeks to outperform the UK market by actively managing a focused portfolio of 25 to 50 high conviction UK stocks. The Fund will be style and market cap agnostic but will have exposure to stocks that we believe offer considerable upside through the action of an identified catalyst.
2. **Collins Stewart Continental Europe Focus Fund** seeks long-term capital growth by investing in a concentrated portfolio of Continental European equities. The portfolio will consist of no more than 30 holdings.
3. **Collins Stewart US Equity Focus Fund** seeks to generate long-term capital growth. The Fund aims to achieve this objective by investing in a concentrated portfolio of US equities. The fund is managed by Robeco Boston Partners.
4. **Collins Stewart Total Return Bond Fund** seeks to generate income together with the potential for incremental capital gains from a portfolio of investment grade bonds and money market instruments, whilst seeking to preserve capital value.

The above four funds are all sub-funds of Collins Stewart Investment Funds plc, an open-ended umbrella investment company incorporated in Ireland and authorised under the European Communities (UCITS) regulations 2003. The Funds are all FSA recognised and apply for distributor status.

Multi-Manager Funds

1. **Collins Stewart Cautious Balanced Fund** seeks to generate both capital growth and income from an internationally diversified portfolio of shares and units in collective investment schemes and individual fixed interest instruments. It is the intention of the manager to manage risk as well as return with the emphasis being on consistent risk adjusted returns. The fund is available in Sterling class only.
2. **Collins Stewart International Balanced Fund**, a multi-asset fund of funds seeks to provide long-term capital growth, emphasising risk management as much as return. The manager aims to deliver consistent and superior performance above the benchmark with reduced volatility and risk. The fund is available in Sterling, US Dollar and Euro classes.
3. **Collins Stewart International Growth Fund** seeks to provide long-term capital growth aiming for higher returns than the Balanced Fund. The fund is available in Sterling and US Dollar classes.
4. **Collins Stewart Fixed Interest Fund** seeks to generate positive total returns through a diversified portfolio of international fixed interest instruments and specialist bond funds. The fund is available in Sterling class only.
5. **Collins Stewart Absolute Return Plus Fund**, a fund of hedge funds, seeks to deliver consistent (ie low volatility) returns in the region of cash plus 6-8% per annum over rolling three-year periods, with an absolute return focus and the potential to generate profits in rising, falling and flat markets. The fund is available in Sterling, US Dollar and Euro classes.

These ten funds (counting the different currency denominations) are domiciled in Guernsey and are not recognised by the UK's Financial Services Authority. The protections offered by the UK regulatory system will not therefore be available for UK investors.

Further details of all Collins Stewart Funds are available at our website
www.collinsstewartfunds.com

A selection of recent awards

Daily Telegraph Wealth Management Awards 2007 – Best Discretionary Service

Collins Stewart Wealth Management has been recognised in the inaugural Daily Telegraph Wealth Management Awards by winning Best Discretionary Service. The Awards are designed to recognise and promote quality of service from wealth managers and stockbrokers and are voted for by those that matters, namely our clients.

Investors Chronicle Awards 2007, 2006 & 2005 – Best Advisory Stockbroker for Customer Service

Financial News Awards for Excellence in Hedge Fund Operations 2007

Collins Stewart Fund Management was short-listed for Best Product Development for the Absolute Return Plus Fund, a constituent fund of many of our multi-manager portfolios.