

COLLINS STEWART ADDS MEDIA COVERAGE TO U.S. RESEARCH LINE UP
Thomas Eagan Hired As Senior Media Research Analyst

For Immediate Release

New York, NY – April 14, 2008 – Collins Stewart, a leading independent investment banking group, today announced that Thomas Eagan has joined the firm as a senior research analyst and will manage media research, a new area of coverage at the firm.

In commenting on the announcement, Shawn McLoughlin, CEO and President of Collins Stewart's North American operations, said: "We are pleased to have Tom join our research team. The depth and breadth of his experience will not only be a great asset to our overall research capabilities, it comes at a time when Collins Stewart's growth in North America is accelerating. I have no doubt his coverage of the media sector will bring added value to our clients."

In addition to media, the firm's highly regarded research team also covers technology, healthcare, alternative energy, defense and diversified technology and the recently added internet sector.

Eagan, who will be based in New York City, joins Collins Stewart from Oppenheimer & Co. where he was a senior analyst covering the cable and satellite television sectors, as well as entertainment and digital media stocks. Prior to Oppenheimer, Eagan covered these same sectors as a senior analyst at UBS. Before that, he served as Finance Manager at Home Box Office and a Media Buyer at Ingalls Associates, a Boston-based advertising agency.

"My move to Collins Stewart comes at an exciting time at the firm and I'm glad I can be a part of it. I'm really looking forward to building a top-tier media research capability here to compliment the quality of coverage the firm is already known for in so many other sectors," said Eagan.

Eagan holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from New York University's Stern Business School in New York City and a Bachelor of Arts degree from College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA.

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About Collins Stewart

Collins Stewart plc is a leading independent investment banking group with offices in London, New York, Jersey, Guernsey, Isle of Man, Dublin, Paris, Geneva, Singapore, Tel Aviv, Mumbai and Tokyo. The company is the leading fundraiser on London's Alternative Investment Market (AIM), raising £1.3 billion in 2007.

Collins Stewart's acquisition of Hawkpoint in December 2006, one of the UK's most successful independent advisory houses, further strengthened the company's client offering. With the acquisition of C.E. Unterberg, Towbin (CEUT) in 2007, the company greatly enhanced its business and operations in the U.S., in both New York and San Francisco and acquired a presence in Israel.

Collins Stewart Wealth Management manages and advises in excess of £4 billion of assets. The division is also the largest investment manager and stockbroker in the UK's Channel Islands.

Collins Stewart's North American operation sells U.S. equities and international equities to U.S. institutions, and also has a growing equity derivatives business focusing on both buy and sell side clients.

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