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## **Collins Stewart Fund Management appoints Head of Product Development**

**Dublin, Geneva, Guernsey, Jersey, Isle of Man and London** – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2008: Collins Stewart is pleased to announce the appointment of Collette Wisener-Keating to its Funds business, Collins Stewart Fund Management (CSFM) to head up Product Development.

Collette Wisener-Keating will lead Product Development for Collins Stewart Fund Management with responsibility for fund development, fund registration in new markets and fund operations. Collette previously worked in senior roles in Product Development for JPMorgan Asset Management (nearly ten years) and the European Islamic Investment Bank (two years).

Collette will be based in the London office, but will spend time working with the investment management and sales teams in both Jersey and Guernsey.

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

“Collette is a highly talented individual with a significant specialist Funds experience. Alongside the recent appointment of Mike Brown as Head of Fund Sales, this is another significant appointment by Collins Stewart demonstrating our ambition to building a first class fund management business.

“We are keen to grow Collins Stewart Fund Management as a multi-investment boutique with an owner-manager culture through both organic and inorganic means. One of our strategies will to consolidate small, underperforming funds in our core competencies to build scale. Collette’s experience is an important step in this direction.”

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