

## Collins Stewart's recently acquired leading Investment Companies team secures 21st client

**London, 1 January 2009.** Collins Stewart announces its 21st new brokerage client secured by its recently acquired Investment Companies team with the appointment as Corporate Broker to BlackRock Greater Europe Investment Trust plc.

The leading fourteen strong Investment Companies team joined Collins Stewart in September from Dresdner Kleinwort, and is led by Managing Directors, Robbie Robertson, Gavin Tooke and Andrew Zychowski. Several members of the team have worked together for over 20 years, initially at Wood Mackenzie.

Clients won include The Edinburgh Investment Trust with a £650m market cap; HSBC Infrastructure Company Limited with a £392m market cap; Murray Income Trust with a £310m market cap; Impax Environmental Markets with a £273m market cap and JP Morgan American Investment Trust with a £272m market cap.

Commenting on this latest win, Mark Brown, CEO of Collins Stewart said "These significant wins from our recently appointed Investment Companies team are clear evidence of their market leading position. It is the most experienced Investment Companies team in the industry, adding an important business stream to our London platform".

Client Name	Market Capitalisation (£m)
Aberdeen New Thai Investment Trust plc	21.0
Altin AG	133.0
Baillie Gifford Japan Trust plc	87.0
BlackRock Greater Europe Investment Trust plc	141.0
BlackRock Smaller Companies Trust plc	89.0
The Edinburgh Investment Trust plc	650.0
Fidelity Japanese Values plc	38.0
Framlington AIM VCT	7.0
Framlington AIM VCT 2	12.0
Henderson Smaller Companies Investment Trust plc	89.0
HSBC Infrastructure Company Limited	392.0
Impax Environmental Markets plc	273.0
JPMorgan American Investment Trust plc	272.0
JPMorgan Fleming Japanese Smaller Companies Investment Trust plc	55.0
JP Morgan Japanese Investment Trust plc	262.0
Middlefield Canadian Income Trusts Investment Company PCC Ltd	30.0
Murray Income Trust plc	310.0
Pacific Assets Trust plc	82.0
Pantheon International Participations plc	180.0
Standard Life European Private Equity Trust plc	105.0
Tapestry Investment Company PCC Limited	58.0

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