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COLLINS STEWART BOOSTS SALES TEAM

London, Guernsey, Isle of Man, Jersey and Geneva – 18th March 2009: Collins Stewart Fund Management is delighted to announce the appointment of Mike Murray as Regional Sales Manager for the North of England.

Working with Mike Brown, Head of Fund Sales, Murray will be promoting the Collins Stewart Fund Management fund range, which includes multi-manager, region specific equity, fixed income and fund of hedge fund products to the professional fund buying community.

Prior to joining Collins Stewart Mike spent the previous 7 years with Gartmore as a senior sales manager in the retail discretionary sales team. He brings with him a wealth of experience and contacts in the retail market.

Before his career at Gartmore Mike spent 21 years with Hill Samuel Asset Management based both in London and the North West. Based in Cheshire he has covered a wide range of discretionary accounts in the Midlands, North of England, Scotland and Ireland.

Mike Brown, Head of Fund Sales at Collins Stewart Fund Management, said:

“This latest appointment represents another investment in building out the distribution of our funds business to intermediaries and follows the recent announcement that nine of our funds are now available on the Cofunds platform.”

“Mike is a highly talented individual with a wealth of experience and will play a vital role in helping us achieve our ambitious expansion plans. As a senior and significant appointment this demonstrates further investment by Collins Stewart and its commitment to building a first class fund management business.”

Commenting on his appointment, Mike Murray added:

“I am delighted to be joining Collins Stewart and very much looking forward to helping them develop their business in the retail market. I see this as an exciting opportunity to join a group with a first class pedigree and a serious commitment to expanding its business in the retail market.”

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¹ as at 31/12/2008

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