

THE FINANCIAL TIMES GROUP ANNOUNCES HAMILTON MATTHEWS AS CEO OF MERGERMARKET

LONDON, 4 March 2010: The Mergermarket Group has appointed Hamilton Matthews as Chief Executive Officer. Hamilton succeeds Caspar Hobbs, the joint founder of the business who leaves after 10 successful years at the helm of the organisation.

Hamilton Matthews has 18 years experience in the financial information business, including a six-year tenure at Thomson Reuters. He joined Mergermarket in 2001, most recently responsible for the commercial and operational activities in the EMEA region. He has been a key member of the Mergermarket leadership team that has helped build the company into a multinational business.

Rona Fairhead, CEO of the FT Group commented: "Hamilton has made a significant contribution to Mergermarket since he joined the company in 2001. He is absolutely the right person to lead the company in the next exciting stage of its development and global growth. Caspar Hobbs has been an extraordinary CEO and has taken the company from a concept to a globally respected business. He will leave with our deepest thanks and very best wishes."

Hamilton commented: "I am very fortunate to have inherited a strong team and a great business that has shown real resilience in the face of the downturn. We now have the foundations in place to take Mergermarket forward into the next exciting phase of its global strategy and growth."

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