

First Derivatives plc
("First Derivatives" or "the Company")

Directorate Change

First Derivatives plc (AIM: FDP.L, ESM: GYQ.I), a leading provider of software and consulting services to the capital markets industry is pleased to announce the appointment of Keith MacDonald as Non-Executive Director to the Board of First Derivatives.

Keith is currently Managing Director of Structured Corporate Finance for Lloyds Banking Group with responsibility for operations in Europe and North America. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge of capital markets. Prior to joining Lloyds Bank Group, Keith had a 16 year career with Citigroup during which time he held a variety of senior positions in Europe and Asia including the position of Asia-Pacific Head of Structured Corporate Finance. Keith is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

Brian Conlon, CEO of First Derivatives commented, "I am delighted to welcome Keith to the Board. With over thirty years international experience in the capital markets industry he will be of great benefit as we continue to develop First Derivatives as a global provider of software and consulting services."

Details of directorships that Joseph Gerard Keith MacDonald, aged 54, holds, or has held in the previous five years, are given below:

Current directorships:

Digital Minds Limited
Manresa Partners International Limited

Past directorships:

None

Save for the declarations above there is no further information to be disclosed under Rule 17 or Schedule Two paragraph (g) of the AIM Rules for Companies.

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About First Derivatives

First Derivatives is a global provider of software and consulting services to the financial services industry. With over 15 years experience working with leading financial institutions, it continues to deliver technologically advanced, award winning products and services that anticipate and respond to the evolving needs of global capital markets.

First Derivatives currently employs over 670 people worldwide and counts many of the world's top investment banks, brokers and hedge funds as its customers. It has operations in London, New York, Stockholm, Shanghai, Singapore, Toronto, Sydney, Dublin, Newry and Hong Kong.