

COLLINS STEWART STRENGTHENS CORPORATE BROKING DIVISION WITH SENIOR APPOINTMENT

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Collins Stewart, the UK's leading independent stockbroking, corporate advisory and wealth management group, is pleased to announce the appointment of Piers Coombs to its corporate broking division. Piers is joining Collins Stewart as Director, Corporate Broking and will report to Chris Wells, Head of Corporate Broking.

Piers is a highly experienced corporate broker who will augment Collins Stewart's service to existing clients as well as boosting marketing for new business. He has worked in senior roles at several leading investment banks, most recently Morgan Stanley & Co Limited. Prior to this, Piers spent six years at Cazenove, where he acted as corporate broker and financial advisor across the full range of M&A and equity issuance transactions. Before this, Piers was Associate Director/Vice President of CSFB de Zoete & Bevan, where he advised both corporate broking and M&A clients.

Chris Wells, Head of Corporate Broking:

'The appointment of Piers Coombs to the corporate broking team continues Collins Stewart's commitment to developing long-term client relationships based on service and advice of the highest quality.'

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