





## R.J. O'Brien becomes latest distributor of Fidessa workstation

11<sup>th</sup> December 2017 - Fidessa group plc (LSE: FDSA) today announced that R.J. O'Brien has signed a global agreement to distribute Fidessa's award-winning futures and options workstation in order to meet demand from its institutional clients, initially in the UK and Europe. R.J. O'Brien is one of the largest independent futures brokerages and one of the world's premier clearers specialising in exchange-traded futures and options.

As part of its business model, R.J. O'Brien Limited, the firm's UK entity, offers non-clearing members access to the global futures and options markets which are undergoing fundamental change as MiFID II will affect them for the first time when it is introduced in January 2018. The new rules will require a renewed emphasis on algos, analytics and trade reporting in addition to the traditional features of resilience, robustness and performance. As well as focusing on regulatory compliance, Fidessa has invested heavily to ensure that its customers are positioned to fully take advantage of the business opportunities that will emerge from the new trading environment.

Thomas Texier, Managing Director of R.J. O'Brien Limited, said: "We've seen increasing demand from both clients and new prospects for the Fidessa workstation for its comprehensive futures trading experience. A number of our customers were particularly impressed with Fidessa's options trading capability, together with its fully integrated benchmark algo suite, for example."

Justin Llewellyn-Jones, Global Head of Derivatives at Fidessa, said: "We're delighted to be working with a clearer of the calibre of R.J. O'Brien and look forward to aligning ourselves closely with them as they empower and grow their own community with Fidessa's technology."

The initial deal with R.J. O'Brien will cover all markets operated by exchange groups CME, ICE and Eurex.

Fidessa has won a number of prestigious industry awards this year, most recently voted Sell-side Trading System of the Year at the FOW International Awards last week – for the sixth successive year. Other award wins in 2017 include Derivatives Trading System of the Year in the FOW & Global Investor Asia Capital Markets Awards for the fifth year running, Best Trading and Execution System in the CTA Intelligence European Services Awards for the second year running, Best Cross Asset Trading System in the Intelligent Trading Technology Awards and the Global Grain Award for Innovation.

## About Fidessa group

Exceptional trading, investment and information solutions for the world's financial community.

New technology, new regulation, new challenges: making money in today's financial markets is all about staying ahead of the curve. Having the capability to spot new trends and act fast turns change into opportunity. That's why 85% of the world's premier financial institutions trust Fidessa to provide them with their multi-asset trading and investment infrastructure, their market data and analysis, and their decision making and workflow technology. It's also why around \$26 trillion worth of transactions flow across our global network each year. Because we're the market leader, we can also offer unique access to the world's largest and most valuable trading community of buy-side and sell-side professionals, from global institutions and investment banks to boutique brokers and niche hedge funds.

Fidessa is a global business with scale, resilience, ambition and expertise. We're listed on the London Stock Exchange and recognised as the thought leader in our space. We set the benchmark with our unrivalled set of mission-critical products and services and, uniquely, serve both the buy-side and sell-side communities. Ongoing investment in our leading-edge, integrated solutions ensures Fidessa remains the industry's number one choice.

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