

Fidessa Appoints EVP Martin Hakker as Country Manager of Fidessa Canada corporation

Toronto, 10th March 2009 – Fidessa group plc (LSE:FDSA) provider of trading systems, market data and global connectivity, today announced that Martin Hakker has been promoted to country manager of Fidessa Canada corporation. Mr. Hakker will retain his position as EVP marketing of the company's North American region.

Mr. Hakker will be responsible for driving Fidessa's continued rapid growth and building strong demand for the company's enterprise and hosted trading platforms, as well as positioning Fidessa for other strategic initiatives in Canada.

Mr. Hakker has held a variety of senior management positions at Fidessa since he joined the company in 2001. Prior to joining Fidessa, Mr. Hakker was a principal at AVTEC Systems and TCAM Systems.

Chris Aspinwall, Chief Executive of Fidessa group plc said, "With the explosion of market fragmentation, accelerated growth and the adoption of electronic trading in Canada, Fidessa has been able to leverage its core global architecture and adapt its award winning trading solutions specifically for this market. We are extremely fortunate to have someone of Martin's calibre who can now build upon our success in meeting clients' complex needs in this evolving market. Martin brings a considerable wealth of industry relationships, experience, knowledge and insight that will give Fidessa a significant advantage in providing Canadian firms access to fully integrated, state of the art technology and global connectivity solutions."

Mr. Hakker commented, "I am extremely excited by this new appointment and look forward to helping drive further innovations in electronic trading in Canada. Fidessa allows firms to consolidate their software applications, realize efficiencies and cost savings and ultimately help them to grow their business into new areas. No other provider in the region provides such technologically rich, scalable and integrated trading solutions, and our success clearly proves that we are filling a gap in that region."

Available on an enterprise or hosted basis, the Fidessa trading platform in Canada offers integrated order management, trading, market data and middle-office functionality. Fidessa is at the forefront in offering Canadian firms advanced trading tools to compliment their trading strategies such as: pairs, list management & wave trading and BlueBox algorithmic trading.

The Fidessa product suite provides integrated multi-asset trading, market data and connectivity solutions to over 22,000 users at around 630 clients around the world, and serves over 85% of global, tier-one equity brokers.

About **Fidessa** group

Fidessa group is the leading supplier of multi-asset trading, portfolio analysis, decision support, compliance, market data and connectivity solutions for firms involved in trading the world's financial markets. Fidessa's products and services are built on the simple vision of making it easier to buy, sell and own financial assets of all types on a global basis.

Pedigree

A dynamic, growing company with a proven track record, **Fidessa** is recognised as the thought leader in the marketplace, with an unrivalled set of products and services which set the benchmark for this industry and, uniquely, serve both the buy-side and sell-side communities globally.

Experience

With over 28 years' experience delivering powerful, resilient, mission-critical systems, **Fidessa** develops all its products itself from the ground up, investing heavily in their continual evolution. The resulting leading-edge, truly integrated solutions have established **Fidessa** as the industry's number one choice, and are used by over 85% of tier-one, global financial institutions.

Scale

Headquartered in London and with regional operations across Europe, North America, Asia, and the Middle East, **Fidessa** supports 25,000 users across 850 clients, serving a broad spectrum of customers from major investment banks and asset managers through to specialist niche brokers and hedge funds.

Established

Fidessa group is listed on the London Stock Exchange (symbol FDSA) and is a FTSE 250 company.

Fidessa has a turnover of around £240m, has delivered 30% compound growth since its 1997 listing and now employs 1,500 people globally.

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