

Fidessa group expands in the Middle East

London – 26th January 2009: Fidessa group plc (LSE: FDSA), provider of the award winning Fidessa and Fidessa LatentZero trading, compliance and global connectivity solutions for the sell-side and the buy-side, has today announced the appointment of two new key staff as part of the expansion of its operations in the Middle East.

The company will also open a new office in Bahrain which will serve as its Middle East headquarters. This represents the latest step in the company's ongoing strategy of global expansion.

Fidessa's sell-side operations in the region will be managed by Edward Manley who will serve as Regional Manager for the Middle East and Africa. Manley brings extensive experience of the Gulf region having worked for Reuters Middle East for 12 years before joining Fidessa.

For Fidessa LatentZero on the buy-side, Gary Dingwall will be responsible for new business development in the region; he also brings a wealth of experience having lived and worked in the Gulf as Regional Manager for Swift for over a decade.

Simon Barnby, global director of marketing communications for Fidessa group, comments: "The Middle East presents an important new marketplace for Fidessa group, with opportunities for both our buy-side and sell-side products, as well as for our global connectivity solutions. These key staff appointments and new regional headquarters demonstrate our commitment to the region. The Middle East is a lucrative emerging market with international aspirations, and we are looking forward to being a part of the developing landscape there."

Fidessa group will be marking the official launch of its enhanced activities in the Middle East at MEFTEC, the Banking & Financial Technology event, at the Bahrain International Exhibition Centre on February 10 and 11 (www.meftec.com).

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About Fidessa group

Fidessa group is a world-leading supplier of multi-asset trading, portfolio analysis, decision support, investment compliance, market data and global connectivity solutions for both the buy-side and sell-side globally. Available as a simple workstation or as an integrated application suite, the Fidessa and Fidessa LatentZero products are built on the clear vision of providing the richest functionality, coverage and distribution to the financial markets community.

The Fidessa suite is used by 85% of tier-one, global equity brokers providing sophisticated multi-asset trading, market data, order management and execution capabilities to all tiers of the sell-side.

The Fidessa LatentZero suite is used by the world's largest asset management firms through to smaller specialist managers and hedge funds, and provides comprehensive portfolio analysis, real-time P&L, what-if analysis, investment compliance, order and execution management, and post trade processing tools, across all asset classes, to all tiers of the buy-side.

Fidessa's global network carries over 130 million messages a month covering DMA, Care and Algorithmic orders, Indications of Interest and FIX Allocations between over 1,800 buy-sides and 310 brokers across 100 markets worldwide.

Head-quartered in London and with offices in New York, Boston, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Paris, Toronto and San Francisco, Fidessa group serves 22,000 users across 600 clients globally. Fidessa group was founded in 1981, has revenues of around US\$350m, employs over 1,200 people and has been fully listed (LSE:FDSA) since 1997.

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