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Leading Czech broker, Patria Finance, signs on to Fidessa's global network

London – 15th December 2008: Fidessa group plc (LSE: FDSA), provider of the Fidessa and Fidessa LatentZero trading, market data and global connectivity solutions, has today announced that Patria Finance, the largest broker in the Czech Republic, has joined its global connectivity network.

Patria Finance, a member of the pan-European KBC Securities Group, has the largest market share on the Prague stock exchange, and processes more orders than any other Czech broker. By joining the network, Patria will provide a significant local presence in central Europe for the community of more than 300 brokers and 1,800 buy-side institutions, which comprise Fidessa's global network.

Viktor Reischig, Senior Equity Trader at Patria Finance said: "We always look to differentiate ourselves from the competition through innovation and initiating new products and services, as befits our position as a leading investment bank in the central European region. We are experiencing a significant increase in demand for FIX connectivity to the emerging markets. Clients can use Patria as a hub to access not only the Czech Republic but also other CEE countries, such as Poland, Hungary and Slovakia. Fidessa's flexible technology, coupled with our local knowledge, makes ours a strong offering for our clients."

Simon McDowell, Director of Connectivity at Fidessa, adds: "Our work with Patria is a demonstration of our commitment to extending our presence in the emerging markets of central and eastern Europe. We continue to invest heavily in developing our global connectivity network and are delighted to welcome Patria. Their local expertise will be a great addition to the range of services the Fidessa network offers our clients."

In the last year alone, Fidessa's global connectivity network has increased the number of connections by 50 per cent while message throughput has more than doubled to over 130 million messages a month. The Fidessa product suite provides

integrated trading, market data and connectivity solutions to over 22,000 users at around 600 clients worldwide, and serves more than 85 per cent of global, tier-one equity brokers.

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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About Patria Finance

The first Czech full-service investment bank, Patria Finance, a.s. ("Patria") was founded in 1994. Patria provides financial services to domestic as well as international corporations, financial institutions and individuals. Patria is fully licensed by the Czech Securities Commission for trading domestic and international securities and is a member/shareholder of the Prague Stock Exchange, represented in a number of its bodies. KBC Bank NV holds indirectly through its subsidiary KBC Securities NV a 100% stake in the share capital of Patria Finance a.s.

Thoughtful understanding of each client is key to the success of Patria. Each client is offered, on an individual basis, a selection of services or products that is appropriate to specific needs at any particular time. Often, several departments work together to structure the best integrated solutions for our clients.

Services we offer fall broadly into the following areas:

- Securities Sales & Trading
- Capital Markets
- Corporate Finance
- M&A Advisory
- Equity Research

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