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## First Derivatives plc ("FD" or the "Group")

## **Senior Executive Appointment**

FD (AIM: FDP.L, Euronext Growth: FDP.I) announces the appointment of David Collins as Managing Director, managed services and consulting, reporting directly to Seamus Keating, CEO. In this role, David will have global responsibility for all aspects of FD's managed services and consulting operations.

David started his career in banking, spending 10 years in derivatives trading at DLJ, BNP and Standard Bank. He then joined City Practitioners, a newly-formed professional services firm, where he built the trading systems business in London and New York. In 2007, the firm was sold to Capco and David joined the executive team of SuperDerivatives. There, he held various leadership roles across product strategy, strategic sales and business development. Prior to joining FD, David was Managing Director of the UK, US and Canada and member of the group executive board of GFT.

David Collins commented: "FD has a strong reputation for its exceptional people and deep expertise of capital markets. It's an exciting time to join as we look to accelerate our growth by building on the success FD has achieved across its practice areas serving the financial services industry."

Seamus Keating, CEO of FD, commented: "We are thrilled to welcome David to the First Derivatives leadership team. He brings extensive expertise in the business processes and technology underpinning capital markets as well as a successful track record leading professional services organisations serving trading firms."

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