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**The Quoted
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New CEO for The Quoted Companies Alliance

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The Quoted Companies Alliance (QCA), the representative body for the UK's small and mid-cap quoted companies, is very pleased to announce the appointment of Tim Ward to the position of Chief Executive. He takes over from John Pierce who retires at the end of August.

Tim was previously Finance Director of FTSE International, the global index provider, and before that held senior positions at the London Stock Exchange including Head of Marketing and Head of Issuer Services. Prior to joining the Stock Exchange he held a senior management position in a smaller quoted company.

The Chairman of the QCA, Donald Stewart, said: "Tim's experience in quoted companies, linked with his experience at the London Stock Exchange, provides a unique blend of skills to lead the QCA forward in representing the interests of smaller quoted companies in the challenging times ahead."

Chief Executive elect Tim Ward stated: "This is a tremendous opportunity for me. The QCA has achieved much over the years in helping smaller quoted businesses make the most of their position. I am looking forward greatly to working with the membership and the QCA team to pursue our objectives and enlarge the membership base to enable us to expand our valuable work. In these demanding times, it is vital that we ensure that the unique position of smaller quoted companies is fully acknowledged by legislators, markets, and other rule makers."

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The Quoted Companies Alliance (QCA) represents the UK's Smaller Quoted Companies (SQC). The SQC sector is defined as those 2,000 companies that are listed on the London Stock Exchange outside the FTSE 350, plus those quoted on AIM and PLUS.

The QCA promotes the interests and views of its members to Government, Europe, regulators and other professional bodies, educates its members on best practices and provides a vital forum for networking. Celebrating 17 years in 2009, the QCA forms its views through highly focused committees and working groups comprising senior representatives from across the smaller quoted company sector. For more information, please visit www.quotedcompaniesalliance.co.uk.