



The Quoted  
Companies Alliance

## Press Release

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### **New Executive Committee Appointments for the Quoted Companies Alliance**

The Quoted Companies Alliance (QCA), the representative body for the UK's small and mid-cap quoted company sector, today announces new appointments to its Executive Committee with effect from 5 October 2010.

Fiona Kelsey, Partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers, has been elected Chairman of the QCA. Fiona replaces Donald Stewart, Partner at Faegre & Benson, who held this post for the previous three years.

Fiona has 20 years' experience working with PricewaterhouseCoopers and is currently an Audit Partner there. She particularly focuses on mid-cap and AIM companies. Current clients range from Jacques Vert plc (AIM) to Waterman Group (Main List). She has also worked with clients through a variety of mergers, acquisitions and disposals and helped private company clients prepare for IPO. Fiona has worked in London for 10 years. Prior to that, she worked with PwC in the Northwest of England and in Boston, USA.

Fiona moves from her role as Treasurer of the QCA to take on her role as Chairman. Paul Watts, a member of the QCA Executive Committee, has been appointed as Treasurer. A Partner at Baker Tilly, Paul specialises in corporate finance, capital markets, AIM reporting, financial due diligence and audit.

The QCA has also appointed Anthony Carey to the Executive Committee. Anthony is a Partner at Mazars LLP and a member of the Financial Reporting Review Panel. Anthony has been involved in the work of the Quoted Companies Alliance for a number of years and is Chairman of the QCA Financial Reporting Committee. He also leads the QCA FD seminar series. Anthony was project director for the original Turnbull Report on risk management and internal control and earlier this year became a Chartered Director.



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Tim Ward, QCA Chief Executive, commenting on the new appointments, said: “We are pleased to welcome the new appointments of Fiona Kelsey as our Chairman, Paul Watts as our Treasurer, and Anthony Carey as a new member of our Executive Committee. These appointments are a major endorsement of the quality of our work, providing a great deal of credibility and further prestige to our organisation. They will help us significantly in representing the small and mid-cap quoted sector. I would like to express my thanks to Donald Stewart for his highly-effective Chairmanship over the last three years and for his continued support for the QCA.”

The QCA has also re-elected the following members to the Executive Committee: Andy Brough, Schrodgers; Katie Morris, Brewin Dolphin Securities; Donald Stewart; and Theresa Wallis, LiDCO Group plc.

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**Notes to editors:**

1. The Quoted Companies Alliance (QCA) represents the UK’s small and mid-cap quoted companies. This sector is defined as those 2,000 companies that are quoted in the UK outside of the FTSE 350. 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 18 years in 2010, the QCA forms its views through highly focused committees and working groups, made up of directors and professional advisors from across the small and mid-cap quoted company sector. For more information, please visit: [www.theqca.com](http://www.theqca.com).
2. Photographs of Fiona Kelsey and Anthony Carey are available by request. Please email [kate.jalbert@theqca.com](mailto:kate.jalbert@theqca.com).