



The Quoted
Companies Alliance

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QCA helps facilitate company and investor engagement

The Quoted Companies Alliance (QCA), the representative body for the UK's small and mid-cap quoted company sector, is holding an afternoon seminar for small and mid-cap quoted company directors to hear from and discuss with leading fund managers on how both can better engage with each other and how investment in small and mid-cap quoted companies can be improved. This event will tackle issues that have been highlighted in Sir David Walker's review of corporate governance in UK banks, the Financial Reporting Council's review of the Combined Code and the Stewardship Code for Institutional Investors by the Institutional Shareholders' Committee.

The seminar, Q&A with The QCA: Top investors answer the questions you've always wanted to ask, sponsored by Hunton & Williams LLP, will be taking place on Wednesday, 30 June 2010 in London.

Company directors will hear from a panel of speakers chaired by Gervais Williams of Gartmore Investment Management. The panel will include:

- Marina Bond of Rathbone Investment Management;
- Mark Niznik of Artemis Investment Management;
- Giles Hargreave of Hargreave Hale Limited;
- Keith Muir of Standard Life Investment; and
- David Blackwell of The Financial Times.

Gervais Williams comments: "The recent 'flash-crash' shows that even large cap equity prices are surprisingly shallow. In spite of increasingly close communication with fund managers over the last 10 years there are times when fund managers lack sufficient conviction to challenge a fast moving share price. How can this relationship be made more effective for both parties?"

Tim Ward, Chief Executive of the Quoted Companies Alliance, comments: "We are looking forward to the exchange of views between attendees and the panel. This seminar session is an excellent opportunity for fund managers and company directors to engage in constructive dialogue and debate."

For more information on the seminar, visit: www.quotedcompaniesalliance.co.uk/seminar.asp

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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.quotedcompaniesalliance.co.uk.