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**The Quoted
Companies Alliance**

QCA welcomes new Head of AIM appointment

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The Quoted Companies Alliance (QCA), the representative body for the UK's small and mid-cap quoted companies, is extremely pleased to welcome the appointment of Marcus Stuttard as the full-time Head of AIM at the London Stock Exchange.

As Deputy Head of AIM Marcus has worked hard over the past few years in which AIM has expanded substantially. He is a well known figure in the smaller quoted company community and a worthy successor to Martin Graham in the role.

The QCA looks forward to working closely with Marcus over the coming years to support and promote the small and mid-cap quoted company sector and its largest and strongest market through what will undoubtedly be difficult times.

Donald Stewart, Chairman of the Quoted Companies Alliance, said, "As Deputy Head of AIM, Marcus was clearly the most appropriate successor to Martin Graham for the top AIM job. Marcus has always worked hard to promote AIM and the issuers quoted on it. In the current economic malaise it is important that AIM has a leader of strength and vision and we believe that Marcus has those qualities.

"It will take the efforts of many to ensure that smaller quoted companies do not find themselves caught up in regulations aimed at the sins of much larger companies and financial institutions. We believe that the London Stock Exchange and Marcus have a significant role to play in that debate and we look forward to working with them in the months and years to come."

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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 companies sector. For more information, please visit www.quotedcompaniesalliance.co.uk.