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THE FINANCIAL SERVICES PRACTITIONER FORUM

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SMALL PRACTITIONER BOOST TO FORUM

The two joint chairmen of the Financial Services Authority's Small Business Practitioner Panel are to join the Financial Services Practitioner Forum which represents a cross section of regulated firms.

David Challen, Chairman of the Forum, said:

"I am very pleased that Michael Quicke and Roger Sanders have accepted our invitation to join the Forum. Their presence will strengthen the capacity of the Forum to represent the views of small financial businesses. It is very important that a broad range of financial services industry views are reflected on the Forum – particularly as the Forum is to have statutory backing."

Mr Quicke, Group Chief Executive of Leopold Joseph & Sons, and Mr Sanders, Principal of Roger Sanders Associates, will join the Forum at its next meeting on 7 December.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. The Practitioner Forum was established in November 1998, comprising senior figures from regulated firms, to provide a high level body available for consultation on policy by the FSA and able to communicate to the FSA views and concerns of the regulated industries. It will have

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a statutory basis under Clauses 7 and 8 of the Financial Services and Markets Bill currently before Parliament.

2. Its current members are: David Challen of Schroders (Chairman); Barry Bateman of Fidelity; Donald Brydon of AXA; Amelia Fawcett of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter; Richard Harvey of Norwich Union; Brendan Nelson of KPMG; Martin Ritchley of Coventry Building Society; Paul Spencer of Royal & Sun Alliance; and Derek Wanless formerly of National Westminster Bank.
3. The Small Business Practitioner Panel represents a wide range of smaller regulated firms, and its remit is to comment - from a small business perspective - on any aspect of FSA policy or activity. Its work has a specific focus on cost and practicability issues, and represents part of the FSA's commitment to an open dialogue with the industry.
4. Michael Quicke joined Leopold Joseph in 1981 and joined the board in 1989. He became joint chief executive in 1992 and sole chief executive in 1994. He is a member of the National Trust Finance Committee and a partner in J.G.Quicke & partners, a family farming and cheesemaking business.
5. Roger Sanders set up Roger Sanders Associates – employee benefits consultants – in 1983. He is a board member of the Personal Investment Authority and is also deputy chairman of the new Association of Independent Financial Advisers (AIFA). He is chairman of the Friends of Francis Holland School in central London.

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