

Top rankings for Collins Stewart UK and US Research Analysts

Shares Magazine

In the Shares Magazine Analyst Awards 2009 Collins Stewart's UK analysts have been voted first in Industrials, Real Estate and Support Services sectors and second in Oil and Gas. The magazine tracks analysts over a 12-month period to find the most consistently accurate and profitable in their calls, across 20 market sectors.

In the Industrials sector, Andrew Fitchie, Michael Campbell and Tom Plinston beat off competition from BoAMerill Lynch and Credit Suisse. Julian Cater, Michael O'Brien, Imran Akram and James Gilbert took first place for various calls grouped under Support Services category up against Morgan Stanley and Singer. Aaron Guy beat Arbuthnot and Goldman Sachs in the Real Estate sector and Gordon Gray claimed second place for Oil and Gas after BoA-Merill Lynch.

(Awards released: 28 May 2009)

Forbes Blue Chip Analyst Rankings

Two U.S. research analysts earned positions in *The Best Brokerages* section of the Forbes annual Blue Chip Analysts rankings. Senior analyst, James McIlree was ranked second for the Telecommunications Equipment industry category and senior analyst, Brian White was ranked fifth within the Electronics industry category.

According to Forbes, the security analysts selected are awarded rankings based on both their stock picking and earnings estimation capabilities in their respective industries. Zacks Investment Research in Chicago conducts the rankings based on data produced by over 2,700 analysts nationwide.

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