

MARTIN BRALSFORD TO BE CHAIRMAN OF COLLINS STEWART (CI) LIMITED

Jersey, Guernsey, Isle of Man and London - 8 August 2007: Collins Stewart is delighted to announce that Martin Bralsford is to be Chairman of Collins Stewart (CI) Limited, the Company's portfolio management, stockbroking and funds business based in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man. This appointment is subject to regulatory and board approval. Martin, one of the Channel Islands' best known and experienced businessmen, will bring an invaluable wealth of knowledge to Collins Stewart.

Martin was the former Chief Executive of C.I. Traders Limited, until recently a UK listed Channel Islands public company with turnover of approximately £330 million and some 3,500 employees engaged in leisure, retail and wholesale distribution and property businesses mainly in the Channel Islands. Prior to that he was Chief Executive of Le Riche Group Limited, and Group Managing Director of Premier Brands Ltd the Grocery Division of Hillsdown Holdings.

Having qualified as a Chartered Accountant with Pannell Kerr Forster & Co, London in 1970, Martin then obtained a masters degree at the London Business School. In his early career, he held a number of financial and general management appointments in Calor Gas, Rank Group, Smith Kline Beecham and Cadbury Schweppes. He has served as a non-executive member of the Boards of a number of other companies including NatWest Offshore Ltd and Lloyds TSB Channel Islands Ltd.

Currently, Martin has Board appointments with the following companies:

- Chairman - Close Brothers Protected VCT plc
- Director - Admiral Holdings Ltd, Guernsey
- Director - Computer Patent Annuities Holdings Limited, Jersey

Martin is an active philanthropist and serves as a Board member of the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust headquartered in Jersey, advisor to the National Motor Museum, Beaulieu, former President of the Jersey Chamber of Commerce and a former Chairman of the Training and Employment Partnership in Jersey

Commenting on the announcement, Joel Plasco, Chief Executive of Collins Stewart plc said: "I am delighted that Martin is joining the Board of Collins Stewart (CI) Limited as Chairman. This appointment highlights our commitment to the Channel Islands and Isle of Man and our Wealth Management business. We look forward to benefiting from his commercial and financial expertise gained from a long career involving many senior corporate positions."

Grahame Lovett, Chief Executive of Collins Stewart (CI) Limited, added: "I very much look forward to working with Martin, whose considerable experience and contacts in our local markets Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man will be invaluable as we look to build on our success to date in growing our wealth management business."

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Collins Stewart (CI) Limited is one of the leading portfolio management firms and the largest offshore stockbroker in the Channel Islands with over 160 staff across its offices in Jersey, Guernsey and Isle of Man. Collins Stewart is the only CI based trading member of the Channel Islands Stock Exchange and is a subsidiary of Collins Stewart plc

Collins Stewart plc is the UK's leading independent stockbroking, corporate advisory and wealth management group. It is a member of the FTSE 250 index on the London Stock Exchange with a market capitalisation of almost £600m (US\$1.2bn).