

## FTSE Group Strengthens Executive Team

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**London, 15 February 2005:** FTSE Group has appointed Imogen Dillon Hatcher as Managing Director of FTSE Europe, Middle East & Africa (EMEA). Within this role Imogen is responsible for the regional business strategy, development, sales, client services and marketing activities. She heads a team of financial services professionals based in London, Paris, Frankfurt and Madrid.

Imogen's twenty years of experience within the financial sector, most recently as Head of European Sales and Marketing at Informa Global Markets Ltd, will be highly beneficial in driving the continuing development of the largest business unit within FTSE Group. She is based in London and reports to Donald Keith, FTSE Group's Deputy Chief Executive.

Imogen's predecessor, Peter de Graaf, has moved to a new role as Director of Public Affairs and is responsible for FTSE Group's relations with market regulators, exchanges, politicians and industry bodies globally. Peter directs a programme that ensures that FTSE Group is represented in the regulatory and political arena on issues that impact the Group's future business activities.

Donald Keith, Deputy Chief Executive, FTSE Group said, " As a result of FTSE Group's growth and development, there was a requirement to further strengthen our executive team. These two appointments reflect that need in order to continue to drive the success of the company. As FTSE Group has gained a high profile internationally, it is being called upon to offer guidance and contribute to a range of global financial issues. Peter de Graaf already has extensive lobbying experience so it was a natural and strategic progression for him to assume this role."

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