

Press Release

Premier Pension Services invests in Fundsdirect for future growth and development

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9th March 2007, London: Premier Pension Services (PPS) - the Self Invested Personal Pension (SIPP) and Small Self Administered Scheme (SSAS) provider which is part of JLT Benefit Solutions Ltd (JLT), is delighted to announce that agreement has been reached for an investment in Fundsdirect the fund supermarket platform. The facilities are to be offered to all of Premier's SIPP and SSAS clients and their Independent Financial Advisers (IFA's).

Nigel Manley, Head of Self Invested Pensions, PPS, says, "This investment provides the basis for a strong working relationship between a platform provider and ourselves as SIPP and SSAS administrators. The consequences will be a continuing development of new products and services to our clients and their advisers. The online trading platform facility underpins our market position as an 'added value' administrator outside of the volume market but with the advantages that an eSIPP or eSSAS has to offer."

Hugo Thorman, Managing Director, Fundsdirect, says, " This deal represents perfectly how a combination of professional product administration and investment administration can enhance service levels for both clients and IFAs. Our ability jointly to provide a superior proposition to those of traditional product providers demonstrates how the market is moving towards unbundling and transparency. PPS have clearly shown their support for this development by both using the Fundsdirect investment administration service and investing in our business – this is great news for PPS Fundsdirect and the independent advice sector."

Notes to Editors**About Premier Pension Services**

Premier Pension Services supplies a range of SIPP and SSAS services to IFAs, accountants and lawyers and is part of JLT Benefit Solutions Ltd. Premier Pension Services is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority.

JLT Benefit Solutions Ltd is part of Jardine Lloyd Thompson Employee Benefit Group, which employs over 800 professional staff in 10 offices in the UK and has revenues of some £70m.

JLT Benefit Solutions Ltd has four main operating divisions of which Premier Pensions Services is one, the other three are:

Administration Solutions

Focuses on third party pensions and benefit administration.

Benefit Solutions

Delivers actuarial, investment, pension, benefit and reward consulting services. As well as group risk, healthcare and flexible benefits services.

Financial Institutions Services

Provides outsourcing solutions for a range of pension products on behalf of life companies.

The Jardine Lloyd Thompson Employee Benefits Group also includes Profund and Pension Capital Strategies.

As well as a major provider of employee benefits services and related consultancy advice, the Jardine Lloyd Thompson Group of companies is a leading risk management adviser, insurance and reinsurance broker.

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