

Three senior corporate brokers join Stockdale Securities

London, 21 March 2016: Stockdale Securities, the London-based institutional stockbroking and corporate advisory firm, announces that it has recruited three experienced and high calibre corporate brokers.

John Morley joins as Chairman of Corporate Broking and a member of the Stockdale Securities Board. Mustapha Omar and Kam Bansil will be Directors in Corporate Broking. John and Mustapha worked together at Collins Stewart where they were instrumental in helping to build the leading AIM franchise at the time, while Kam and John have over their careers worked together on a number of deals. Kam has a highly successful track record of raising money for technology companies.

Mark Brown, Chairman of Stockdale, commented: "Over the past year we have taken decisive action to reposition our business to be successful in current market conditions. This was always a precursor to attracting experienced and proven talent to the business and today's announcement is a vindication of our strategy. As difficult as the market is, we are now in build mode"

John Morley added: "Following an extensive assessment of the industry, we are delighted to be joining Stockdale where the robustness and stability of the platform will be crucial for attracting ambitious, high-quality companies."

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About Stockdale Securities:

Stockdale is a specialist institutional stockbroking and corporate advisory firm focused on small and mid-cap companies, with expertise in high growth companies including financials, investment funds, resources, property, construction & support services, technology and media. In addition to acting as a broker, Stockdale provides financial advice and Sponsor and Nomad services for Main Market and AIM companies.

While Stockdale is a full-service broker, all its services are dedicated to winning and retaining good quality corporate clients and executing their transactions. All areas of the firm work together to provide a fully integrated and coherent service, tailored to the needs of its corporate clients, in a way which also helps their shareholders – Stockdale's institutional clients - make money.

Stockdale has dealing relationships with over 400 UK institutional investors for whom they provide in-depth, quality research, advice and trading services. In addition, collaboration with Bryan, Garnier & Co, a leading European independent broking and corporate advisory firm, provides access to major European and US investors

About the new recruits:

John Morley: John started his career in the City over 30 years ago working as a credit analyst for Dun & Bradstreet and NatWest Investment Bank. He then spent 7 years with Hargreave Hale helping to build up an institutional sales desk and subsequently became a partner of their London office. John joined Collins Stewart in 1995 and was Head of Smaller Companies and a main board Director, following which he was Head of Smaller Company Sales at Investec Henderson Crosthwaite. Since 2002 John has been based in Monaco investing for his own account in UK smaller and mid-cap companies. He is moving back to the UK to take up his position with Stockdale.

John is currently a Non-executive Director of Halkin Management Company Limited which operates a portfolio of UK serviced offices.

Mustapha Omar: Mustapha joins Stockdale from Strand Hanson where he was Head of Corporate Broking. Mustapha has extensive experience in capital markets, primarily in investment analysis and corporate broking in the technology and telecoms sector. Prior to Strand, he was a Partner and Head of Research at Collins Stewart and has been Head of Research at Fairfax and Deputy Head of Research at Williams de Broe. More recently he was one of the three founding partners of Chrystal Capital, specialising in raising pre-IPO funds for global growth companies. Mustapha has also served as a main board director of AIM-listed Nviro Cleantech plc.

Mustapha holds a First class honours degree in Mechanical Engineering with Mathematics and a PhD in Materials Science from the University of Reading. He has published in a number of international scientific journals.

Kam Bansil: Kam joins Stockdale from Arden where he was a Director in Corporate Broking focusing on the technology sector. Kam started his career on the buy-side as an engineering analyst before moving to the sell-side in research and has covered the technology sector at a number of small-cap brokers including Panmure Gordon, Dawnay Day, Ambrian and Mirabaud.

Over the last 7 years Kam has led or co-lead approximately £500 million of fund-raisings