

For immediate release

15<sup>th</sup> May 2007

## Fenchurch Hires JPMorgan Cazenove Banker

Fenchurch Advisory Partners, the specialist investment banking boutique, is pleased to announce that Richard Locke, a senior investment banker from JPMorgan Cazenove, is joining the business as a Managing Director.

During his career with Cazenove spanning both corporate advisory and capital markets, Richard has been instrumental in many landmark financial services transactions including the defence of the London Stock Exchange, Aberdeen's acquisition of Deutsche Asset Management, the de-merger and IPO of Henderson and Standard Chartered's acquisition of Korea First Bank. He is currently a key member of the JPMorgan Cazenove team advising Barclays on its proposed €140 billion merger with ABN AMRO.

Richard Locke said, "The market for independent and expert advice for financial institutions is growing. Fenchurch is extremely well positioned to capitalise on this and is at a stage where I can make a real difference to developing its franchise."

Malik Karim, Managing Director of Fenchurch said, "We are delighted that Richard has decided to join us. He has an outstanding depth and breadth of expertise, with over 18 years' experience of corporate finance and capital markets, and a strong track record in the UK financial institutions' sector. I am confident that Richard will make a major contribution to the development of Fenchurch."

Since its formation in 2004, Fenchurch has advised on transactions with a value of approximately £8 billion.

Contacts:

Malik Karim                    020 7382 2222

Richard Locke                020 7382 2222

[www.fenchurchadvisory.com](http://www.fenchurchadvisory.com)

- ENDS -