

Investit appoints Simon Stratford to help drive the growth of the IT Value Survey

London, 14 November 2006 – Investit, the leading fund management consultancy, has appointed Simon Stratford - previously the Global IT Director at Henderson Global Investors – as a Specialist Consultant. Simon joins John Robertshaw to help drive the growth of Investit's market-leading IT Value Survey.

Investit's IT Value Survey looks in detail at the spend, effectiveness and plans of investment management companies' IT departments.

The Survey has grown significantly. It now has 28 investment management firm participants, with combined assets under management of £2.6 trillion. This growth requires additional resource to meet both current and future client demands, both in the number of participants and the further development of Survey content. However, working on the IT Value Survey demands specific skill and experiences. Simon's experience makes him a perfect addition to the team.

Simon has 15 years IT experience in the investment management industry. For the past eight years, Simon held the position of Global IT Director at Henderson Global Investors, where he was responsible for all front office and supporting business systems. Simon led the team that developed the IT strategy following the AMP acquisition of Henderson, including a centralised system approach for all core functions. Simon also played a key role in the separation of the front and back office business and IT functions necessary to create a new back office services company.

Commenting on Simon's appointment, John Robertshaw said:

"The IT Value Survey needs additional resource to help meet client demand. However, the intricacy of investment management clients' IT functions requires a specific skill-set. Simon is a perfect fit. His time as Global IT Director at Henderson means he understands the critical issues faced by IT Directors and COOs. I'm delighted Simon has agreed to join me in spearheading the further development of the Survey. It's an exciting time for Investit. We continue to attract extremely experienced and senior individuals from the investment management industry."

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About Investit

Investit is the leading investment management consultancy. It has a unique range of services, providing expert advice across all areas of investment management companies, from front to back office. Investit also offers detailed research and benchmarking services. Investit was founded in 1998 and includes five core expertise areas: investments, client management, performance and risk, operations and technology. In 2002, Investit People was added to provide specialist recruitment services to support project work. Investit Intelligence completes the offering with a range of specialist surveys and detailed research papers. For more information, go to www.investit.com

About Investit Intelligence

Investit Intelligence is a customised information tool for all people concerned with turning high-level business plans into reality. Investit Intelligence consists of a number of research and survey services.

- **Investit Intelligence IT Value Survey**

The IT Value Survey looks in detail at the spend, effectiveness and plans of investment management companies' IT departments. It is an annual survey particularly designed for COOs and Heads of IT.

- **Investit Intelligence Member Service**

The member service is an interactive service where members take an active role in selecting, shaping and researching topics by voting on new discussion and research ideas.

- **Investit Intelligence Business Process Assessment – defining best value**

BPA is a service where Investit works closely with COOs of investment management companies to identify the value output of all business processes and how that compares with peers – it's an essential decision-making tool.

- **Investit Intelligence Performance & Risk Survey**

The Performance & Risk Survey is the only tool specifically designed for, and by, Performance heads in Investment Management companies. It looks at performance and risk systems, performance roles and remuneration, future trends and benchmarks against peers.

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