

Nomura Strengthens Foreign Exchange Division with Senior Appointment

London, 12th August, 2008 — Nomura has today reinforced its position in the Foreign Exchange market with the appointment of Bernd Bröker. Bringing over 25 years experience, Bröker will be joining the London office as Head of Emerging Markets Foreign Exchange and Global Foreign Exchange Derivatives.

In his new role, Mr. Bröker will be building on the company's strong foundation in the foreign exchange arena, and diversifying the current model to increase trading activity in strategic emerging markets in line with client needs. He will also have responsibility for developing Nomura's foreign exchange derivatives product line globally.

“Nomura holds a unique position as a global foreign exchange trading house but to ensure we remain competitive we need to grow and expand into new markets” commented Fumihiko Kawano, Global Head of Foreign Exchange at Nomura. “Foreign exchange is a truly global business and with Mr. Bröker's broad catalogue of experience we are confident that he has the knowledge and capabilities to establish a world-class offering”.

Previously Mr. Bröker spent 12 years with Bear Stearns, most recently in the position of European Head of Foreign Exchange and Commodities, Global Head of Foreign Exchange Derivatives and European Co-Head of Emerging Markets. He has also worked for UBS and Merrill Lynch.

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