

Press release

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Fortis Prime Fund Solutions wins the ICFA European Hedge Fund Administrator of the Year Award 2008

In a special awards ceremony in London on November 27 that was attended by over 250 industry participants, the ICFA European Awards winners were unveiled. Fortis Prime Fund Solutions was nominated for European Hedge Fund Administrator of the Year (assets under administration over \$100bn) and duly won the award.

Commenting on the Prime Fund Solutions win, Jonathan Greene, Publisher of ICFA, said: *“The judging panel was particularly impressed by the operational enhancements made by Prime Fund Solutions over the last 12 months, their approach to relationship management, their support of the industry, and the testimonials of their clients made in support of their award submission.”*

Upon receiving the award on behalf of Prime Fund Solutions, Charlie Woolnough, Regional Director for Sales and Relationship Management, said: *“The support and positive testimonials we received from our clients that contributed to winning this award are very rewarding. It proves that our approach to client services and our insistence on operational excellence is highly valued by our clients.”*

CEO of Prime Fund Solutions, Erik Jens, further commented: *“We value the recognition provided by awards as such within the alternative investor community. It is very satisfying that our clients recognise and appreciate our continued focus on service excellence. It is extremely important that we continue to listen to our clients and strengthen the many long-term partnerships that we have during these difficult market conditions. We have spent a lot of time and effort enhancing our operational platform during 2008 and this award is testimony to the hard work delivered by many people throughout the organisation.”*

The ICFA Awards recognise service quality, achievements and commitment to the industry and were judged by an independent panel of industry experts which included: Jeremy Charles, chief operating officer - Thames River Capital; Chris Day, chief executive officer - PCE Investors; Nick Griffin, partner - KPMG Financial Advisory; Peter Jeffreys, director - Independent Risk Monitoring Limited; Simon Lopez, chief operating officer - AXA Investment Managers; Dr. Chris Sier, director - Alpha Financial Markets Consulting; and Lawrence Gosling, director - Incisive Media

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