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**Cofunds announces partnership with Square Mile  
Investment Consulting and Research**

Cofunds, the leading general investment platform in the UK, has formed a partnership with Square Mile Investment Consulting and Research (Square Mile), the independent investment research business.

As part of the partnership, Square Mile will provide Cofunds with focused fund research. Square Mile will also undertake strong fund governance using both in-depth qualitative and quantitative investment research as well as tailored support and investment services as part of its research process.

Adam Smith, Commercial Director at Cofunds said: "Our partnership will see Square Mile providing the level of high quality due diligence fund research that the industry requires in today's complex environment. The team behind Square Mile has a strong reputation and in particular a focus on investor outcomes. We look forward to a close working relationship, to the benefit of our clients."

Mark James, Director of Client Relationships at Square Mile Investment Consulting and Research, added: "This collaboration with Cofunds represents an exciting development for both our businesses. Our research and product analysis puts the customer at the heart of the solution. Everything we do is motivated by the requirements of investors and we look forward to working in partnership with Cofunds to ensure the best investment propositions are available."

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## Notes to Editors

### About Cofunds

Cofunds is the leading general investment platform for advisers and other financial institutions, with assets under administration of over £69bn\*. It provides flexible administration and management services for advisers and their clients as well as dealing and custody services for financial institutions. It does not offer investment management or advice, nor does it compete with advisers by offering its services direct to the end client. Cofunds exists to serve the needs of institutions, advisers, their clients, and fund managers. Cofunds is wholly owned by Legal & General and authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

\* **Source:** Legal & General Group 4/11/14 (nb these assets are made up of Cofunds and Investor Portfolio Services)

### About Square Mile

Launched in September 2013, Square Mile is an independent investment consulting and research business focusing first and foremost on in depth, qualitative fund research, providing tailored support and investment services for financial advisers and institutions.

Based in the City of London, the company employs eight full time investment research professionals.