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Farley & Thompson appoints Cofunds as fund custodian

Farley & Thompson has appointed Cofunds, the UK's leading independent platform, as its fund custodian.

Cofunds will provide the private client stockbroker with its full range of institutional services - from dealing to settlement and from custody to trail management.

Farley & Thompson will celebrate its 75th year as an independent member of the London Stock Exchange in 2013. It specialises in advising on blue chip equities and fixed interest bonds. The firm chose Cofunds for its extensive range of services and long-standing expertise in the institutional market.

Bradley Lewis, Business Development Manager, institutional services at Cofunds, said: "Cofunds is committed to providing the best institutional proposition in the market. The services we're offering Farley & Thompson will increase administrative efficiency, relieve pressure on its back-office and reduce administrative costs."

Colin Chalkly-Maber, Managing Partner, Farley & Thompson, added: "We believe our partnership with Cofunds will help us in our drive to improve efficiency. We look forward to working with the Cofunds team."

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About Farley & Thompson

Farley & Thompson is a private client stockbrokers, established in 1938, and located in Bournemouth. The partnership proudly remains one of only around 30 fully independent Corporate Members of the London Stock Exchange. It has a wide portfolio of private investors and professional clients including solicitors and chartered accountants. It looks after in excess of £150,000,000 of clients' investments.

About Cofunds

Cofunds is the leading independent investment platform for advisers and other financial institutions, with assets under administration of £48bn (as at 09.01.13). It is an independent platform providing flexible and convenient 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.

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