

**River and Mercantile Co-Sponsors Great Ormond Street Hospital Theatres Appeal**

River and Mercantile Asset Management LLP (R&M) today announces that it has agreed to be a co-sponsor of the Theatres for Theatres appeal at Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH)

The Theatres for Theatres Appeal brings together the worlds of performing arts and paediatric medicine in order to raise £4million towards the construction of two new operating theatres to be used for children who require neurosurgery.

The Neurosciences Unit at GOSH is the largest paediatric neurosciences centre in the UK providing care for children with disabilities, tumours and diseases affecting the central nervous system such as epilepsy, cancers, craniofacial disorders and hydrocephalus. Demand for neurosurgery already outstrips current capacity and this is expected to grow. The new centre for neurosciences with its extra theatre capacity will offer a well-designed, child friendly environment and the opportunity to treat up to 20 per cent more patients.

James Barham, CEO at R&M, commented: "We are delighted to be able to support this extremely worthwhile cause. I have visited the existing facilities and have seen the plans for the new developments. Each year the neurosciences team treat over 8,000 children and carry out 750 operations but the demand is always on the increase."

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**Notes for Editors:**

R&M is a UK (London) based investment boutique established in 2006. R&M was formed by a management team led by James Barham and Julian Cripps with the backing of Sir John Beckwith and his Pacific Investments team led by Mark Johnson. The business currently specialises in managing specialist UK and Global equity portfolios for Institutional and other professional investors and now manages assets in excess of £1.3bn as of December 2009, including assets in transition.

R&M launched its UK Division with its unique investment philosophy and process into the market in December 2006. This process is applied to a range of pooled and segregated funds. The investment philosophy has been developed by the UK team led by Hugh Sergeant, Richard Staveley and Dan Hanbury and is designed to systematically unearth specific investment opportunities; the process is engineered to ensure they are effectively researched and sensibly applied to client portfolios.

The Global Equity team was founded in June 2009 by Alex Stanić with the recruitment of former colleague Alex O'Reilly. The team recruited Alexei Kapkin the highly regarded Financials analyst and Tomas Tomason the #1 buy side equity technology hardware analyst from Lazard Asset Management in July and September respectively. The Division launched a range of strategies consistent with the River and Mercantile Global Equity Investment Philosophy and Process in October 2009.