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APEX INITIATES EQUIOM ACQUISITION OF HF FUND SERVICES

In an acquisition originated by Apex, Equiom has completed a deal to acquire HF Fund Services Ltd.

Founded in 2007 by Sean Flynn and Patrick Harrigan, HF Fund Services provides non-executive independent directors to alternative investment funds and investment management companies. The business operates from the Cayman Islands and Ireland, providing a premium service to a blue-chip institutional client base.

HF has always focused on quality of service and restricts the number of clients each director services to ensure service quality and client responsiveness is maintained. Its seasoned director team comes from a variety of backgrounds including fund administration, investment management and law, bringing this experience to bear on its clients' behalf.

Equiom's Chief Executive Officer, Mark Porter, commented:

'HF represents a strategic investment into our funds governance capability. Our focus is on providing services from tier 1 fund jurisdictions to high quality asset managers in key global financial centres. This capability is highly complementary to our existing fiduciary service model and allows us to extend our service offering for clients looking for fund servicing capabilities, particularly in alternative asset classes. I am delighted to welcome Sean, Patrick and the team to Equiom and value the expertise and industry knowledge they bring to the Group.'

Sean Flynn, Managing Director of HF Fund Services, commented:

'Since we established HF Fund Services in 2007, our clients have grown in size and number and our priority has always been to provide them with the best possible service. Going forward, our clients can still expect the same high service standards they are used to, but with the added benefit of gaining access to the international reach and expertise of a global group which is committed to providing a comprehensive offering to investors and asset managers. Equiom is a forward thinking and ambitious business with clear values – all of which are a sound fit for our business model. We look forward to fully integrating with Equiom over the coming months and working closely with our colleagues across the group to continue to provide exceptional service.'

The addition of the Cayman Islands and Ireland offices add to Equiom's already established presence in the Americas, Europe and Asia

Paul Warren, MD of Apex Corporate Finance commented:

'The acquisition of HF Fund, gives Equiom a strong platform in the fund governance sector and is a key element of their strategy to provide a broader business offering to major asset managers'.



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We have significant experience in international cross border acquisition and sale origination including within the international corporate, trust, fiduciary and fund administration sectors. There are significant drivers of consolidation in these markets and there remains a keen appetite for high quality acquisitions across a number of jurisdictions.

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