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Press Release

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**In 2008 ESN hosted its 10th an 11th Mid & Small Caps
Conference in London at Merchant Taylor's Hall on May 27th
and December 9th, 2008, respectively**

ESN ("European Securities Network LLP") would like to thank all the 75 European listed companies which took part at the 2008 events as well as the 100 UK and European Institutional investors that, on average, attended each conference. A total of approx. 400 one-on-one meetings and 20 group meetings took place considering both conferences.

*The next ESN Mid & Small Caps Conference will be held on **May 26th, 2009** at the same venue.*



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ESN partnership profile

ESN ("European Securities Network LLP") is a multi-local partnership of banks and brokerage firms which creates common standards of cooperation in equity research and sales. ESN members share a common goal, that is providing the best independent local research and sales service on companies listed in their respective markets, while maintaining independence and distinct responsibilities.

The ESN partnership counts on the following competitive advantages:

- *10 partners on 14 countries*
- *1,000 companies covered in Europe, all in a unique proprietary database*
- *150 analysts, as a single pan-European team*
- *200 multi-local equity sales acting as the client's home reference desk*
- *800 company and analyst road shows per year*

Founded in 1998, ESN is an equally owned company since 2002 and today ESN counts on 10 members in the main European Countries:

- *Banca Akros (Italy);*
- *Bank Degroof (Belgium);*
- *Caixa Banco de Investimento (Portugal);*
- *Caja Madrid Bolsa (Spain);*
- *CM-CIC Securities (France);*
- *Danske Bank (Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Norway);*
- *equinet (Germany);*
- *Investment Bank of Greece (Greece);*
- *NCB Stockbrokers (Ireland & United Kingdom);*
- *SNS Securities (The Netherlands).*