

Sidley Continues to Expand its Funds Practice in London with Hiring of Antony Bryceson

London (March 24, 2010) - [Sidley Austin LLP](#)* announced today that Antony Bryceson has joined the firm's [London](#) office as counsel in the [Investment Funds, Advisers and Derivatives](#) practice.

Bryceson will focus his practice on advising clients on prime brokerage, custody, securities lending, repurchase and OTC derivatives trading agreements and structured transactions involving derivatives (such as swaps on baskets of hedge funds or hedge fund indices and pre-paid forward transactions). Bryceson will work closely with the firm's funds, structured finance and derivatives practices in London, and with Sidley's prime brokerage practice in the U.S. to provide integrated New York and English law capability in relation to prime brokerage and trading documentation issues to Sidley's global client base.

London partner Bruce Gardner commented, "Antony has a leading reputation in the field of prime brokerage and trading documentation, structured transactions and related derivatives work for hedge funds and other market users. Antony will work closely with our existing funds team and with our established structured finance and derivatives practices in London. As part of our global platform, Antony will also work with our existing prime brokerage practice in the U.S. to provide dual New York and English law capabilities to our hedge funds clients in Europe, the U.S. and Asia."

Commenting on his appointment, Antony Bryceson said, "Sidley is a world class firm with a very strong reputation in both the investment funds and finance fields. I believe that, together with colleagues in the U.S. and Asia, the London practice will be able to offer clients a genuinely integrated global capability. I am delighted to be joining such a strong team, and I look forward to playing my part in the expansion of the practice."

Bryceson was previously with Simmons & Simmons, where he led the group which advised end-user clients (in particular hedge funds) on prime brokerage, derivatives and trading documentation, and asset protection issues. Bryceson has consistently been rated as a leading individual by both Chambers and the Legal 500.

The announcement marks a further step in the expansion of Sidley's global funds practice and follows the hires of partners Bruce Gardner and David Hinds and counsel Barry Breen in 2008. Gardner advises on all aspects of the structuring and operation of hedge funds and other alternative investment products. Hinds advises on tax matters relating to fund structuring, in addition to advising on fund-related transactions. Breen

advises clients on the structuring and operation of hedge funds, and illiquid, hybrid and UCITs structures.

Sidley has a premier, international practice in structuring and advising investment funds and advisers. Institutional Investor's *Alpha* Magazine ranked Sidley as the number one onshore U.S. hedge fund law firm in 2006 and 2007 and second overall in 2008 and 2009 in the Alpha Awards™ for hedge fund legal service providers.

Additionally, Sidley has been named as the 2009 Best Onshore Law Firm in *Hedge Fund Manager* (HFM) *Week's* inaugural U.S. Service Provider Awards. The Investment Funds, Advisers and Derivatives practice group consists of more than 100 lawyers in Chicago, Hong Kong, London, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, Singapore and Tokyo.

Sidley Austin LLP is one of the world's largest full-service law firms, with approximately 1700 lawyers practising in 17 U.S. and international cities, including Beijing, Brussels, Frankfurt, Geneva, Hong Kong, London, Shanghai, Singapore, Sydney and Tokyo. Every year since 2003, Sidley has been named to *Legal Business'* Global Elite, its designation for the 18 firms "that define the pinnacle of the legal profession." Sidley is recognised for service and responsiveness – BTI, a Boston-based research and consulting firm, has named Sidley as one of only two firms to have been in the top ten of the BTI Client Service rankings every year since the inception of those rankings in 2001, and was number one in three of those years.