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SWIP appoints Christopher Bamberry as UK Smaller Companies Investment Manager

Scottish Widows Investment Partnership (SWIP) has appointed Christopher Bamberry as UK Smaller Companies Investment Manager. Christopher (32) will report to Gregor Macdonald, Investment Director – UK Equities and will be the lead small cap analyst responsible for Aerospace & Defense, Diversified Industrials, Engineering, Media, Oil & Gas, Pharmaceuticals, Real Estate and Support Services.

Christopher joins from Deutsche Bank, where he has spent the last 3 years. Christopher was Vice President – Equity Research and he worked as a Pan-European Business Services research analyst, with a specialist focus on the Outsourcing sub-sector. Prior to this Christopher was an Investment Director at a leading financial institution, where he managed UK Smaller Companies. He also has several years' experience in research analysis and investment accounting.

Commenting on Christopher Bamberry's appointment, Gregor Macdonald said:

"SWIP are delighted to have enticed Christopher back to Fund Management from Stockbroking. Christopher has broad research experience across many sectors of the UK and European marketplaces as well as hands on fund management experience running large funds".

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