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## **Financial Dynamics strengthens international life sciences team**

London/New York - Financial Dynamics (FD) today announces a number of senior appointments to further strengthen its international life sciences team.

Julia Phillips, formerly Managing Director of Noonan Russo in Europe, joins as a partner in the London life sciences team. Julia has many years of experience advising European and US biotechnology and healthcare companies on all aspects of business communications. Reporting to David Yates, Managing Director of FD's London-based life sciences team, she will continue to build on FD's growing presence in Europe and will coordinate work with FD's specialist team in the US.

Underlining the global scale of its life sciences sector offering, FD has also made two senior level appointments to its New York office. Jonathan Birt, formerly a partner in the FD London life sciences team with responsibility for continental Europe, has been appointed Senior Vice President.

In addition, FD announces the appointment of Julie Huang as a Senior Vice President in the New York life sciences team. Julie joins from Cohn & Wolfe where she was the architect of the healthcare practice's Bio360° division. Julie brings strong experience in integrating product and financial relations strategies for emerging pharmaceutical companies. Both Julie and Jonathan will work with top-tier international pharmaceutical, medical device and biotechnology companies and advance FD's profile in the U.S. life sciences industry.

David Yates, Managing Director - life sciences, said: *"These appointments underline Financial Dynamics' commitment to building a global specialist offering for our clients in the life sciences sector. We are particularly delighted that Julia Phillips has decided to join our team. She has excellent industry contacts throughout the European biotechnology sector and will bring invaluable experience to the team."*

Declan Kelly, CEO of FD's U.S. operations, commented: *"The addition of Jonathan Birt and Julie Huang to our life sciences team in New York reflects the importance of healthcare as our fastest growing business segment in the US and will greatly strengthen our ability to offer a truly international service to companies in this global industry."*

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**Notes to Editors:**

Financial Dynamics is one of the world's leading independent international communications consultancies specialising in financial and corporate communications. Through 11 offices in 8 countries FD employs over 250 staff and advises over 400 clients.

FD's practice is acknowledged as one of the leading international providers of media and investor communications services to the pharmaceutical, biotech, medical technology and chemicals industries. Its international client base of over 60 companies including Aventis, Novartis, Smith & Nephew, Alcon, Amersham, Shire Pharmaceuticals, Digene, Zeltia, Galen Holdings and Acambis, and is serviced by 20 employees across Europe and the U.S.

Based around FD's hub offices in London and New York, the practice has a network of specialist advisers in FD offices in key cities across Europe and North America, including Paris, Frankfurt, Stockholm, San Francisco and Boston.