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Merlin Securities launches Outsourced Trading Desk: Merlin Prime Trading

New York and San Francisco - Merlin Securities, a broker dealer specializing in Prime Brokerage services to hedge funds, is pleased to announce that Dean Brierley, Christopher "CJ" Martin and Gordon Lee have joined Merlin to launch Merlin Prime Trading. Merlin Prime Trading will provide outsourced trading services to hedge funds and institutions. The group establishes Merlin's ability to provide buy-side expertise and execution capabilities to professional investors. All three traders are based in the firm's San Francisco office.

Prior to joining Merlin, Brierley, Martin and Lee were members of Banc of America's Prime Trading Group.

"Dean, CJ and Gordon's experience and level of professionalism are qualities that will enhance our prime brokerage offering" says Steve Vermut, Managing Partner of Merlin Securities. "With this initiative, Merlin advances its goal of becoming a full service partner to its hedge fund clients."

"In order to achieve best execution, portfolio managers need access to pools of liquidity, trading technologies and skilled trading support" says Dean. Brierley. CJ Martin adds "It's great to be working with Steve and the team at Merlin once again."

Merlin Securities was founded in 2004 by a group of experienced prime brokerage executives and has offices in both New York and San Francisco. For more information, see the Merlin Securities' website at www.merlinsecurities.com.

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