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Sodali Hires **Thomas Laschetti** to Develop Corporate Transaction Business and Cross-Border Services

Sodali, the global corporate governance consultancy and shareholder services firm, announced today that it has hired Thomas Laschetti as Director of Development in the firm's London office.



Thomas Laschetti

Mr. Laschetti brings more than 17 years of experience in financial services, having worked in institutional sales trading for Tullett Prebon, Tradition and Metzler with an expertise in equities and derivative securities. His previous relationships were primarily with hedge funds and corporate brokers based in London.

Mr. Laschetti received a B.A. in Political Science in London.

Alvise Recchi, CEO of Sodali, said that Mr. Laschetti joins Sodali at an opportune moment when corporate combinations and restructurings - involving both debt and equity - are escalating in response to the ongoing financial market crisis and aggressive new market regulations. "Corporate actions, many affected by the sovereign debt crisis, are a growth business for Sodali," he said. "Thomas's expertise and his network of contacts in the City will help us bring our cross-border capabilities to the attention of corporations and their strategic advisors".

Mr. Laschetti said that he was impressed by Sodali's comprehensive and well-integrated package of services that includes corporate governance, shareholder analytics, proxy solicitation and investor communication. "These skills, together with Sodali's mastery of the mechanics of cross-border transactions, are essential to the success of corporate actions in today's volatile global market," he said. Mr. Recchi noted that London remains the European hub for corporate finance and advisory services and Sodali is committed to growing its capabilities here. He said that Sodali had been looking for a business development executive for more than a year. He and Mr. Laschetti are already working on several projects, he said.

About Sodali

Sodali is a global consultancy providing advice, shareholder services and corporate governance expertise to companies in Europe, Latin America, Asia and developing markets. It has offices and representatives in major financial centers around the world. Sodali's services include: preparation and conduct of shareholder meetings, bondholder campaigns, mergers and acquisitions, capital restructurings, corporate governance consulting, IPO transition services, board evaluation and training, research on strategic issues and shareholder outreach programs. Sodali's mission is to help companies anticipate, understand and deal effectively with the expectations of shareholders, institutional investors and the global financial markets.