

Oriel Securities: Thanks to our clients, 2009 has been a record year

Oriel Securities, a leading corporate and institutional stockbroking and advisory firm, is delighted to announce that, with the strong support of our clients, 2009 was a busy year and the most successful in our history.


2009 Highlights

- Our **Corporate** team won 29 new retained clients. We now advise a total of 56 clients, of which around a quarter are mid caps.
- We advised on 32 **Corporate** transactions with aggregate value of more than £4.2 billion and helped our clients to raise £1.1 billion.
- In **Research** we won a number of Thomson Extel Awards, improved our rankings and broadened our sector coverage to include Investment Trusts and Mining and increased company coverage across the market and now cover 500 companies.
- Mark Hodds joined in October to head up **Execution**, reinforcing Oriel’s commitment to consistently obtain best execution for clients. Since then we have grown the team and increased our capital commitment to **Market Making** and are now active in more than 200 stocks.
- We made 17 new hires across the firm and maintained fully resourced and stable client teams throughout the year. 2010 sees us continue our growth; six new hires started on the 4th January 2010!
- Oriel Asset Management** was launched in August with its first fund the Oriel Absolute Return Fund.
- In 2009 Oriel staff raised over £40,000 for **charity**, with a key event being a cycle ride from Oriel College Oxford to the Oriel offices in the City of London with the proceeds from the ride going to one of our nominated charities, the Blackfriars Settlement.


Simon Bragg, Chief Executive:

“2009 was a tough year, but I am pleased we worked hard to help our clients and that we invested in Oriel to grow and strengthen our business. As a result of being a trusted adviser, we attracted a record number of new clients and transacted more deals than ever. We have helped our corporate clients to grow through acquisition and capital raisings, which were well supported by our UK institutional clients. I should like to thank all of our clients for their support to Oriel, but in particular the institutions, whose efforts seem to have been unrecognised through the credit crisis. 2010 will once again be tough, but we remain committed to investing in the business to help our clients to prosper and look forward with optimism.”


A selection of 2009’s deals:

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Financial Adviser, Sponsor & Broker

£150m Acquisition of TAP.
£70m Placing.
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Co-lead Manager & Joint Broker

£220m IPO.
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Sponsor and Broker

\$240m dual listing on the Specialist Fund Market.
£30m ZDPS Issue.
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Joint Bookrunner & Joint Underwriter

£114m Placing and Rights Issue.
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Joint Underwriter & Broker

\$505m Acquisition of Oilexco North Sea and £171m Rights Issue.
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Joint Financial Adviser & Broker

£1.3bn Recommended offer by Centrica.

Awards

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Oil & Gas Team
Retail Team
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Investment Funds Team
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UK Small Caps (market cap under £1bn)
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Media, Insurance, Leisure & Gaming, Real Estate, Consumer Goods, Support Services and Construction
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