

QUAERO CAPITAL hires Mark Burges Watson as Head of Institutional for the UK

Geneva, 13 September 2021 – **Geneva-based specialist asset manager QUAERO CAPITAL has hired Mark Burges Watson as Head of Institutional for the UK. He will be in charge of promoting QUAERO CAPITAL's strategies to institutional and wholesale clients in UK market, working in conjunction with Henry Pollard. Prior to joining QUAERO CAPITAL, Mark Burges Watson was CEO & Board Director of Haitong International Securities Group in London.**

Mark Burges Watson has over 30 years of financial markets' experience. After a sales career in Japanese and Asian Equities at Barclays Capital and JPMorgan, he co-founded Japan specialist advisory firm Japaninvest in 2003, which was taken over in 2015 by the Haitong Group. A trustee of the Gerald Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, Mark Burges Watson also works as an adviser to female-led small growth businesses at Hakuba Advisory. He holds an MA in Modern History from Cambridge University and an EMBA from Oxford University.

Jean Keller, CEO of QUAERO CAPITAL, said « *We are delighted to have Mark Burges Watson on board with us. His extensive experience in institutional sales and his entrepreneurial mindset will be extremely useful to help us grow our brand and establish our franchise in the UK.* »

Mark Burges Watson added « *I am very happy to join Quaero Capital, whose proven expertise in a number of high added-value niches, such as smaller European companies, Asian equities, infrastructure and clean energy, is quite compelling for UK institutional investors. Their deep commitment to sustainability and their strong values are an added bonus.* »

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About QUAERO CAPITAL

QUAERO CAPITAL is an independent, specialist fund management group which brings together independently minded investment managers who use original research to provide highly actively managed strategies for clients in the institutional and wholesale markets.

QUAERO CAPITAL was founded in 2005 in Geneva as "Argos Investment Managers SA". It is a 100% employee-owned company with its founding partners taking an active role in its investment processes. The Group, which manages EUR 2 bn, offers a range of high conviction investment strategies through its Luxembourg, Swiss and Irish regulated funds as well as private equity funds investing in European Infrastructure and French Real Estate.

If you would like more information about QUAERO CAPITAL, please go to quaerocapital.com.

In 2019 QUAERO CAPITAL won the Lipper Fund Award for 'Best fund over three years' in the 'European Small & Mid Cap' asset category in Switzerland. In 2018 QUAERO CAPITAL won three Thomson Reuter Lipper Fund Awards for 'Best group in over three years' in the 'Equity small company' category in Switzerland, Germany, and Europe.