

## Press Release

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### Fimat expands its FX business

#### Launches Asia Pacific FX desk in Sydney

Fimat, one of the world's leading global brokerage organizations and part of Société Générale group, is pleased to announce the movement of its Asia FX execution team from Chicago to Sydney. John Logan and Brandon Walsh, who were previously part of the Fimat FX team in Chicago, will launch this Asia Pacific desk as part of the Sydney team.

The Fimat 24-hour FX desk will now cover the Asia Pacific time zone from Sydney – while the Chicago FX team covers the US day and the London FX team covers the European day. There will be cross over of about 6 hours a day. The Global group and integrated team structure will allow Fimat FX to better serve its clients. The ability to get to know clients personally and have a local presence in each region will benefit clients and Fimat FX dealers alike.

FX products offered by the Fimat Global FX team desk include OTC spot, forwards, NDFs and OTC options.

With the Fimat FX desk joining the Asia-Pacific region, and the continued growth of the FX business line, Fimat is going one step further in developing and diversifying its business.

“Across all offices in the region, we expect to develop strong FX business, leveraging on the success already achieved in other products such as listed futures and options,” said Toby Lawson, Managing Director, Fimat SNC trading as Fimat Australia. “Our customer base is looking for solutions that cross asset classes and we are responding as this demand grows.”

“When we analyzed the Asia-Pacific region we found Sydney to be a natural fit for our FX execution services. It offers a vibrant business climate, as well as many possibilities of leveraging Fimat’s existing futures and options businesses locally and throughout the region. I am extremely excited about the prospects for further growth of our Asian business and our FX business line in general”, underlined Ryan Schiff, Global Head of FX, Fimat Group.

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