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PRESS RELEASE

GAM strengthens equity capability with senior hire

- Matthew Beesley appointed Head of Equities at GAM, in a newly-created role to optimise the Group's equity offerings

GAM today announced a senior hire strengthening the Group's equity capability, appointing Matthew Beesley as Head of Equities.

Matthew Beesley, former Head of Global Equities at Henderson, will work with all of the GAM equity teams to optimise performance and risk management, ensure strong links with sales, marketing and operations and also drive information collaboration across teams. Matthew has more than 19 years of investment experience. He starts on 6 March 2017 and will be based in London.

GAM has a long heritage of equity investing encompassing a breadth of styles including value, growth, GARP, income, contrarian and quality. GAM fund managers benefit from the freedom to follow their own investment philosophy and processes, with active conviction investment styles that are not wedded to benchmarks.

Group CEO Alexander S. Friedman said: "We are excited to welcome Matthew Beesley, a world class head of equities, to the Group. His experience and success in developing and managing investment strategies will add great value to our differentiated equity investment offerings."

CV of Matthew Beesley

Matthew Beesley joins GAM from Henderson where he was Head of Global Equities. Prior to Henderson, Matthew worked in a number of portfolio manager roles at Trinity Street Asset Management, JP Morgan Asset Management and Mercury Asset Management/Merrill Lynch Investment Managers. He graduated from the University of Manchester with a BA (Hons) degree in Politics and Modern History and is also a CFA charter holder.

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Headquartered in Zurich, GAM is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange and is a component of the Swiss Market Index Mid (SMIM) with the symbol 'GAM'. The Group has assets under management of CHF 119.1 billion (USD 122.9 billion) as at 30 September 2016.