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**ANSBACHER APPOINTS MARK BRIGHT AS HEAD OF BANKING AND
INVESTMENTS IN THE CHANNEL ISLANDS**

Ansbacher has appointed Mark Bright as its head of banking and investments in the Channel Islands where he will be responsible for developing a range of products and clients services from the firm's offices in Guernsey and Jersey.

Mark was previously managing director of MeesPierson (Channel Islands) Ltd and is also the current chairman of Guernsey's International Bankers Association. He first came to Guernsey in 1993 when he joined Credit Suisse as head of credit and later was appointed as an executive board member. He had previously had over 10 years experience in Bahrain with Swiss Bank Corporation responsible for business in the Gulf region.

Ansbacher CEO Hugh Titcomb commented on Mark's appointment:

"We are very fortunate to have secured someone of Mark's undoubted experience and ability and I know that he will be playing a key role as we seek to develop our business not just in the Channel Islands but in Europe and the Middle East as well. Our ownership by Qatar National Bank has already provided mutually beneficial business introductions and Mark's financial experience in the Gulf will be extremely valuable to us."

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Notes to editors:

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