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**VESTRA WEALTH LLP APPOINTS STEPHEN RAFFERTY AS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR FOR THE CHANNEL ISLANDS**

**London, 04 March 2014**: Vestra Wealth LLP, the award winning wealth manager, recently announced the appointment of Stephen Rafferty as Business Development Director for the Channel Islands. Stephen, who will be based in Vestra's Jersey subsidiary, Vestra Wealth (Jersey) Limited, will be responsible for developing relationships with fiduciary companies and High Net Worth individuals.

Prior to joining Vestra, Stephen gained over 30 years' experience in banking, mainly with AIB and more recently Bank Leumi in Jersey, where he gained considerable experience in credit, structuring and underwriting deals for both corporate and private clients in addition to relationship management for High Net Worth individuals.

In recent years he has concentrated on business development activities, particularly with local and overseas intermediaries and professionals.

Tony Allan, Partner and Head of Business Development at Vestra, comments: "Stephen will significantly augment our team in Jersey. His appointment forms part of a wider plan to double our headcount in Jersey in the next 12 to 18 months."

Stephen Rafferty, Business Development Director of Vestra, comments: "I am delighted to have joined Vestra, at what is a very exciting stage in the firm's development. Vestra's fresh outlook on wealth management, particularly its pioneering emphasis on transparency and putting the client first, means we have a superior service offering for clients and prospects."

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## About Vestra

Vestra Wealth LLP was established with the clear aim of delivering truly unbiased wealth management services through a partnership structure. Their vision is to provide the levels of investment expertise normally only found in global firms, but in a personalised manner.

Investment managers have an average of over 20 years' experience in some of the world's leading firms and are committed to providing advice and investment performance with exceptional service.

- Trading since September 2008
- £3.9bn in assets under management (as at 31/01/2014)
- 23 Partners
- 180 staff in total
- Vestra's broad platform offers clients access to portfolio management, wealth planning, trading (including futures and options), private equity and real estate investment.
- In June 2013, the company launched Vestra US, which provides the specialist knowledge and support which US-connected clients need to build a tax-efficient investment portfolio.

Additional information on Vestra Wealth can be found at www.vestrawealth.com

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