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Alastair Barrie to Head Polar Capital North America as Managing Director

Polar Capital Holdings plc (“Polar Capital”), the specialist active asset management group has appointed Alastair Barrie to the newly created position of Managing Director, North America to drive the group’s US expansion.

Alastair joins Polar Capital after 10 years at Martin Currie, most recently as Head of US Wealth Management Sales.

At Polar Capital Alastair will be responsible for developing and implementing a US wholesale and institutional distribution strategy while supporting CEO Gavin Rochussen in the leadership and development of Polar Capital’s North American business.

He has over 25 years of sales experience, previously spending 12 years at Henderson Global Investors, where he worked in a number of senior sales roles.

Gavin Rochussen, CEO, Polar Capital Holdings said: “The appointment of Alastair is a strategic one for us and we believe that the US gives us an enormous opportunity to offer our funds to the institutional community. Alastair brings the requisite experience and will drive our product distribution and business development in this important market and we are very pleased to welcome him to the team.”

Alastair Barrie, Managing Director, North America, Polar Capital said: “I am thrilled to be joining Polar Capital and I look forward to working alongside Gavin to support his vision for driving the business into the US. I am also looking forward to working with Iain Evans and James Brandt once again in a growing and driven firm.”

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Polar Capital is principally located in London and maintains offices in Tokyo, Connecticut, Jersey, Edinburgh, Shanghai and Paris.

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