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## **Pointon York Group appoints deputy chairman**

Pointon York Group Limited ("the Group") is pleased to announce the following appointment to its Board: -

Howard Barrett has been appointed as deputy chairman with effect from 1st July 2010.

Howard previously held directorships at Unisys Limited and Unisys Payment Services Pension Scheme Trustee Limited.

Commenting on the appointment, Geoffrey Pointon, chairman of the Group Board, said: "We are pleased to welcome Howard Barrett to the Board of Pointon York Group. His impeccable track record as a general manager in the corporate sector will be instrumental in delivering the Group's organisational capability and business growth. Howard will work closely with the executive team on the new strategic plan for Pointon York Group with particular emphasis on the SIPP specialist subsidiary, Pointon York SIPP Solutions Limited."

Howard Barrett adds: "I am delighted to be taking on this central role and I look forward to working closely with the SIPP arm of the Group. Pointon York SIPP Solutions is a business which has a strong reputation for excelling in customer service, especially with the more complex self-invested personal pensions. It is an important time for the company and the focus is to capitalise on its investments and drive capital growth. The burgeoning SIPP market, the recently launched Corporate SIPP, and cementing relevant long-term partnerships are significant to Pointon York's growth."

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### **Biographical details:**

Howard Barrett held the role of vice president and general manager of Unisys . His career highlights are; partner of Andersen Business Consulting, group planning director of Norfolk House and marketing director at Whitbread Retail. He holds a BA honours in business studies and is a member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing.

**Notes to Editors:**

- A high resolution image is included, as an attachment, with this communication
- This appointment has been made as part of the Group's strategic growth plans
- Pointon York Group Limited is listed on Plus Markets
- Howard Barrett's appointment is subject to regulatory approval

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**About Pointon York Group:**

Pointon York Group, quoted on PLUS Markets, is an independent financial services company that was established in 1971 by Geoffrey Pointon and Syd York; Geoffrey Pointon is still majority shareholder of the group of companies.

Pointon York SIPP Solutions Limited launched one the first SIPPs to the market in 1990 and excels in providing high net worth investors, primarily through intermediaries, with a fully flexible SIPP. Their specialist areas include; commercial property, alternative investments and corporate SIPPs. Pointon York SIPP Solutions has a strong team of technical experts, which carry out rigorous due diligence on the investments to ensure risks are minimised.