

Press Release

Close Brothers Group plc announces the appointment of Geoffrey Howe as a non-executive director

The Board of Directors of Close Brothers Group plc (the 'Company') announces the appointment of Geoffrey Howe as an independent non-executive director of the Company with effect from 4 January 2011.

Geoffrey has broad executive experience in both financial and legal services spanning over 20 years. He is currently Chairman of Nationwide Building Society and of Jardine Lloyd Thompson Group plc. Previously he was a non-executive director of Investec Plc and JP Morgan Overseas Investment Trust Plc, a director of Robert Fleming Holdings Limited and Managing Partner of Clifford Chance.

There are no further details in relation to Geoffrey Howe which require disclosure pursuant to paragraph 9.6.13 of the Listing Rules of the Financial Services Authority.

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