



## **FD continues its rapid Asia Pacific expansion with opening of FD Singapore**

### **Appointment of senior local financial journalist to head fifth regional office**

**Hong Kong, 14th February, 2008** – Financial Dynamics International (“FD”), one of the world’s leading financial and corporate Public Relations consultancies, today announced the next move in its expansion across the Asia Pacific region with the opening of its first Singapore office and the appointment of Miss Laurel Teo as Vice President, Singapore.

Since its launch in the summer of 2005, FD’s Asia Pacific team has grown to about 50 PR and IR consultants across five offices in the region, advising a wide portfolio of influential Asian and Australian companies and large multi-national Corporations. In 2007, FD was the leading M&A communications advisor in the Asia Pacific region.

FD Singapore will be headed by Miss Teo, a Singaporean national, who joins FD following an eight year career at leading Singapore daily newspapers the Straits Times and latterly Business Times, where she was most recently Jakarta correspondent. Initially, Laurel will be advising current FD clients in the region such as Standard Bank, RGM International and the Dubai Mercantile Exchange on corporate and financial communications. Laurel, a Yale graduate, will also coordinate business development for the South East Asian region and will work closely with FD’s regional head office in Hong Kong and its joint headquarters in New York and London.

**Commenting, FD’s CEO of Asia, Diana Footitt, said:** *“Singapore is a key centre for any international consultancy which is serious about doing business in Asia, and we see a local presence as a core strategic component of our regional development.*

*We already advise a number of large companies with regional bases in Singapore and are delighted to have found, in Laurel, the ideal candidate to open and build this business for us.”*

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FD was named the 2007 Financial Public Relations Agency of the Year by the Financial Times and MergerMarkets and also “International Consultancy of the Year 2006” by PR Week. FD has received the Gold Sabre Award for “Best Investor Relations Program” for the last three years consecutively.

**About FD**

One of the most highly regarded consultancies in the communications industry, FD employs more than 650 staff and advises more than 900 clients worldwide through its hub offices in London and New York, which are supported by its network of wholly-owned offices in Bahrain, Beijing, Bogota, Boston, Cape Town, Chicago, Dubai, Dublin, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, Johannesburg Los Angeles, Manchester, Moscow, Panama City, Paris, San Francisco, Shanghai, Sydney and Washington, DC. With a 20 year history of advising clients in both the private and public sectors, FD's services include financial public relations, capital markets communications, public affairs, crisis and issues management and corporate, business- to-business and business-to consumer communications. FD is a market leader in M&A advisory work.

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