

Arden Partners plc
("Arden" or "The Company")
Annual General Meeting Statement

At the Arden Partners Annual General Meeting to be held this morning at 11:00 am, Sir David Rowe-Ham will make the following statement:

"Market conditions in the UK small and mid market have been challenging in Arden's first half to date. In the first five months commission and trading income were in line with the corresponding period last year. Corporate income, which is more volatile, has been adversely affected and is down by approximately a fifth.

The current climate provides an opportunity for Arden to expand its franchise through hiring quality staff and in the past two months four new members of staff have joined our London team. The Directors believe that Arden's business model is relatively defensive and will be enhanced by continued growth in its Indian business."

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