



FTI Consulting Expands Economic and Financial Consulting Segment in EMEA With Appointment of James Dimech DeBono

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LONDON, Jan. 5, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- FTI Consulting, Inc. (NYSE:FCN), the global business advisory firm dedicated to helping organisations protect and enhance their enterprise value, today announced the appointment of [James Dimech DeBono](#), Ph.D., as a Senior Managing Director in the Company's [Economic and Financial Consulting](#) segment. Dr. Dimech DeBono specialises in complex financial instruments and will be based in London.

Dr. Dimech DeBono has more than 25 years of advisory experience, working with clients ranging from banking institutions to investment managers and regulators in the areas of valuation, risk management and hedging. Dr. Dimech DeBono has led a number of European Central Bank Asset Quality Reviews across the Eurozone providing technical and quantitative expertise to various regulators in Europe. He has also led portfolio valuations and provided transaction advice to a number of major players in the hedge fund, funds of hedge funds and private equity sectors in the U.S., UK and Switzerland.

Commenting on Dr. Dimech DeBono's appointment, [Chris Osborne](#), European Head of Economic and Financial Consulting at FTI Consulting, said, "James has a strong background in quantitative financial economics, specialising in complex valuation, performance management and asset pricing models. He makes an excellent addition to our team and will enhance the valuation advisory service we provide to clients in alternative assets."

Dr. Dimech DeBono joins FTI Consulting from Grant Thornton where he most recently served as Head of Complex Asset Valuation Advisory Services, advising clients on complex valuation issues and proving portfolio valuation services to a number of financial institutions. Prior to Grant Thornton, Dr. Dimech DeBono served as a Partner in KPMG's Financial Risk Management Services team in London, focusing on financial services clients. Before that, he served as a Managing Director at Duff & Phelps in Europe, where he led the International Financial Engineering practice advising banks and funds on the valuation of complex and illiquid assets, while also leading an expert team providing assistance to the European Commission in the assessment of asset relief measures submitted by European Union Member States in the context of State Aid procedures. Prior to Duff & Phelps, Dr. Dimech DeBono built and led Ernst & Young's Quantitative practice within the Valuation Advisory Services team in relation to complex International Financial Reporting Standards implementation in London. Dr. Dimech DeBono began his career in audit at BDO, where he provided a range of auditing and tax advisory services to clients. At FTI Consulting, Dr. Dimech DeBono will focus on the financial services sector with a particular emphasis on risk management and the valuation of complex assets.

Commenting on his appointment, Dr. Dimech DeBono said, "I am delighted to join FTI Consulting and am looking forward to further developing this growing side of our business."

Dr. Dimech DeBono is currently a member of the Steering Committee of the Certificate in Quantitative Finance Institute. Previously, he served as a member of the International Valuation Standards Committee expert group on the valuation of financial instruments, debt and credit value adjustment, as well as advised the Board of International Capital Markets Association on matters relating to valuation and policy.

About FTI Consulting

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