



Press Release
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Rick Pearson joins Signina Capital

Signina Capital AG, Zurich, a Swiss specialist in structured asset management, has expanded its investment management team with the addition of Rick Pearson. Rick Pearson will be responsible for trading a specialist short term interest rate strategy (STIRT) for institutional clients at Signina Capital.

Prior to joining Signina Capital on February 1st, Rick has been successfully trading his STIRT 'Spezialfonds' since November 2006. Despite difficult market conditions he returned 24.0% since inception (November 2006 through December 2008). Rick brings with him a USD 78 million account and a junior trader.

Rick is an honours graduate of Oxford University, England, in Electronic & Structural Materials Engineering in 1992. Following University he joined Salomon Brothers and completed the Salomon Training Program working in both London and New York. In his subsequent sixteen year trading career Rick has held Senior Trading positions at major financial firms including Nikko, Maple Partners (a major privately held hedge fund), FIMAT and Man Financial.

Martin Kloeck, Partner at Signina Capital, comments:

"The short term interest rate strategy Rick manages is of great interest to our clients having delivered a proven track record of consistent performance - despite the hugely turbulent markets we have experienced in 2008. Importantly for our clients STIRT is highly liquid, transparent and 100% independently valued". Signina wants to grow the strategy to USD 400-450 million targeting institutional investors and private clients.

Rick Pearson manages STIRT using a combination of systematic market analysis to identify where short term expectations are at extremes, fail to reflect the fundamentals in the respective economies or where curve shapes differ from the respective likely path of rates. His relative value plays then filter out market noise and he trades independent of market direction.



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Structured Asset Management

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