NEW INDEX-LINKED GILT-EDGED MARKET MAKER - SANTANDER GBM

The UK Debt Management Office (DMO), jointly with the London Stock Exchange, today announces that Santander Global Banking & Markets - the trading name of Abbey National Treasury Services plc - is to be recognised as an index-linked Gilt-edged Market Maker (IG GEMM), in the wholesale sector of the index-linked gilt market, with effect from the opening of business on Thursday 3 March 2011.

This is in addition to the bank's existing status as a primary dealer in conventional gilts, and brings the total number of primary dealer firms in the UK government bond market to twenty (all of which are primary dealers in both conventional and index-linked gilts, and two of which are retail sector specialists).

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