



**Acquisition Notice, December 13th, 2007**

## **Lawshare Limited acquired by SIPP Provider A J Bell**

We are pleased to announce that A J Bell, the Manchester-based SIPP Provider with more than 28,000 individual customers and assets exceeding £5bn, has purchased Lawshare Limited. The acquisition was completed on the 12th December 2007.

Lawshare provides a range of premium services to investment houses & asset managers, including: CREST sponsored membership; domestic and international dealing; domestic & international custody; fund administration; and access to an extensive global company research library.

Andy Bell, Chief Executive of the A J Bell Group said, "We are delighted to acquire Lawshare, whose services in the wealth management sector are complementary to those that we currently offer.

Bell added, "In addition to an exciting business model, the management team and staff of Lawshare have a fantastic customer service ethos, which is aligned very much with our own".

Charles Galbraith, Managing Director of Lawshare said, "This deal is great news for our clients and staff. Becoming part of A J Bell provides us with an excellent opportunity to continue to grow our business and increase the services we can offer to our current and future clients".

### **About A J Bell**

The A J Bell Group specialises in providing administration, trustee and actuarial services for SIPP and SSAS. Sippdeal, the UK's first online SIPP, was launched by A J Bell Group in October 2000. SIPPcentre launched in 2002, has quickly established itself as one of the most innovative pension administrators in the UK, having developed a core following in the adviser market.

The A J Bell Group is now one of the largest SIPP trustee and administrators in the UK with SIPP and SSAS assets under trusteeship of approx. £5bn. Recent research by CoreData places SIPPcentre alongside Standard Life as advisers' two most preferred SIPPs and Moneywise have just awarded it the accolade of best low cost SIPP for the 3rd consecutive year.