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Mortgage Business Expo Launch in Northern Ireland is a Hit

Clarion Events, the organisers of last week's Mortgage Business Expo Northern Ireland, have hailed its first exhibition in Belfast as a 'great success' with over 420 delegates attending (organiser's statement prior to ABC submission).

The show took place on the 30th January at the Odyssey Arena and provided the financial services community in the Province with an opportunity to meet and network with over 40 exhibitors.

Delegates were also treated to a comprehensive seminar programme with industry experts covering a range of important areas such as the Northern Ireland housing and mortgage market, regulation and Treating Customers Fairly, equity release, debt management and cross-border market opportunities. Many of the presentations were played out to packed audiences with some offering standing room only.

Daniel Nwaokolo, Mortgage Business Expo Belfast Show Director, said, "Everyone at Clarion Events is delighted with the very first Expo to be held in Northern Ireland. The financial services community came out in force to support the event as our delegate numbers testify and the feedback we have received has been extremely positive. We would like to thank all our visitors, exhibitors and contributors who have made the exhibition a great success. We fully intend to be back in 2009 where we are sure more exhibitors and delegates will attend the premier event in the Province.

"We now look forward to the Financial Services Scotland exhibition in Glasgow on the 6th March which includes both Mortgage Business Expo and our new Adviser show for financial advisers and planners. This show will be the most comprehensive financial services event ever held North of the border with up to 100 exhibitors covering investments, pensions, mortgages, protection and technology. It will also include a vast range of seminars and presentations to inform and educate intermediaries and advisers on the most important current issues."

Entry to Financial Services Scotland, which includes both Mortgage Business Expo and the Adviser exhibitions, is free for all those who register at:

www.financialservicesscotland.co.uk

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