

### **Novia Global announces senior hires**

*10<sup>th</sup> June 2016* – Novia Global, the fully technology-enabled multi-currency wealth management service today announces two new management hires. Chris Forero-Slee has joined from Platform One as Head of Risk and Compliance and Dave Field joined the Global team from Novia Financial as Head of Customer Services earlier this year.

Chris Forero-Slee has over 11 years of experience in the financial services industry including over 5 years at Platform One as Head of Operations where he was instrumental in creating their offshore services and proposition, he was also responsible for key relationships developed with various offshore providers and advisers. Formally Chris' background was in investments and during this time he created a hugely successful wealth management proposition. He brings to Novia Global a wealth of experience and knowledge in operating within different jurisdictions around the world.

Dave Field has over 15 years of experience in the platform market including five years at Cofunds where he helped to set up the platform and ran the operations. He joined Novia Financial in 2008. Here he was instrumental in building and developing the market leading investment proposition, being responsible for all fund manager, and DFM relationships as well as working closely on the development of the modern portfolio manager tool. Latterly he moved to be Head of Institutional Business, where he successfully implemented a number of large bulk migrations on the Novia platform

Bill Vasilieff, CEO at Novia Global said: "We are absolutely thrilled to welcome two such high calibre recruits to our expanding Global team. The business although only recently launched has received a phenomenal response from international intermediaries and we are well poised to continue our growth trajectory. We were pleased to recently announce not only the launch of our new Global Retirement account but also a new investment service with access to a suite of five high calibre DFMs with varying investment styles."

David Field, Head of Customer Services said: "Novia Global has already made a significant impact in the international expat market and I am delighted to be joining such an experienced and burgeoning team. The integrated tools offered by the platform as well as the straight through processing, 24 hour trading, multi-currency and breadth of investment universe help to create a very compelling proposition and I am excited to be part of the team"

Chris Forero-Slee, Head of Risk and Compliance said: "I have been hugely impressed with the culture and the people I have met at Novia Global. I see a tremendous opportunity for this new business in the growing international platform space, being extremely well placed to capitalise on the changing requirements of offshore markets. I am excited to be joining such a fast growing and dynamic company"



Novia Global is available to advisers dealing in the international market, private banks, Trust companies and their clients as well as certain other professional investors. It currently supports residents (individuals and trusts) based in the Crown Dependencies including Channel Islands, Isle of Man, Guernsey, as well as Switzerland, the Cayman Islands, and Europe. Further geographical jurisdictions are currently in the works with the intention of quickly further extending platform presence.

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**Notes to editors:**

Novia Global Limited launched in 2015 to provide a comprehensive wealth management service or 'full wrap platform' for investment advisers and their clients in the international market. Novia Global provides a transparent pricing structure as well as access to a wide range of investment products each with their own Cash Facility, an extensive suite of portfolio management tools, and access to an extensive range of investment classes including shares, bonds, traditional authorised funds, ETFs and alternative investments.

The core operating system is provided by Australian based GBST who have been developing software solutions for fund administration and financial services since 1996, and for wrap solutions since 1999, amassing \$186bn (AU) in assets under management on their systems. The comprehensive suite of portfolio management tools is powered by Financial Express.

The Novia team, based in Bath, is led by Bill Vasilieff ex Sales and Marketing director and joint cofounder of Selestia. Novia as an independent proposition has substantial financial backing from a combination of private individuals and corporate organisations. The board is chaired by John Beaumont, who has held a number of non-executive roles in major public organisations and several technology start-ups and Donald MacKinnon as non-executive, ex sales director of Matrix Securities.