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Tim Jones has been appointed as the new head of sales at the online property data network. Jones, who joins from MDA, xit2's parent company, will report directly into MD, Mark Blackwell. His career spans all aspects of the lending, distribution and property transaction processes. During his time at insurer Allied Dunbar - now part of financial

services group Zurich Financial Services - Jones led the development of the mortgage intermediary panel. He then joined First Title as director of business development where he extended distribution of products via solicitors and joint ventures. Following a spell as CEO at Hipstar, the Home Information Pack provider, he joined MDA.

## Leeds Building Society

Chief executive Ian Ward is to retire at the end of this year, but will remain a director during the first quarter of next year until the society's 2011 AGM. He will be succeeded by the society's current finance director and deputy chief executive, David Pickersgill.

Pickersgill has worked for the society since 1987 and been a main board director since 1995. He is a chartered accountant and his previous roles include a period with Coopers and Lybrand (now PwC).

Robin Smith, chairman of Leeds Building Society, said: "Ian has been highly successful in leading the society since 1995. During these 15 years, we have almost quadrupled in size, achieved profitability each year with the cumulative pre-tax profit total being £481m during this period, our capital and reserves have grown from £161m to £543m and we are now the UK's fifth largest building society.

"We are extremely fortunate to have such a high calibre finance director and deputy chief executive in David Pickersgill and it was the unanimous decision of the board to appoint him as chief executive."

## Assurant Solutions

Ian Moffatt is leaving the role of president and chief executive officer of Assurant Solutions Europe on 30 June. Mike Anderson, an executive vice president and president of the international business, will serve as interim president. Chief operating officer Marko Böttger, chief financial officer Martin Pringle and chief marketing officer Martin Jenns will assume responsibility for day-to-day operations, reporting to Anderson. Assurant Solutions has engaged an executive search firm to identify candidates outside of Assurant to replace Moffatt. Moffatt, who is relocating his family to Spain, joined Assurant Solutions in 2004 as sales and marketing director. He was appointed managing director and country president for the UK and Ireland in 2006 and promoted to president and chief executive of Assurant Solutions Europe in 2008.



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Kyle Lawlor has been appointed as vice president and chief actuary for Europe. This appointment supports the new centralised operating structure in Europe linking the central management functions across the UK, Ireland, Spain, Germany and Italy. He joined the Assurant Solutions actuarial department in Atlanta, Georgia, in 2004 supporting the service and warranty businesses managed by its international operations. In January 2008, he was promoted to director and relocated from Atlanta to take up his new role at the European business unit headquarters in Windsor. He began his actuarial career at Hewitt Associates in Atlanta in pension consulting, later moved to Canada Life.

## Portillion

Jim Coleman has been appointed treasury director and joins the executive committee. He has 27 years' experience in financial services in the UK and internationally, including senior treasury roles at Nationwide, NatWest and Abu

## Complete Mortgage & Loan Services

Complete has bolstered its sales team with the addition of two business consultants. Brian McDermott and Martin Garfoot are experienced figures within the intermediary market with both formerly holding senior management roles at BM Solutions, TMB and Halifax Intermediaries. Their roles will consist of promoting the Complete and Linx FS brands after the firm's recent formation of a strategic alliance. This alliance saw both brands combine to share resources while

working to maintain their individual brand philosophies throughout the mortgage and financial services market. The appointments are field-based with McDermott mainly covering the Northern regions and Garfoot based in the Midlands. Complete Mortgage & Loan Services Ltd is looking to promote its specialist distribution range including packaging, secured loans, commercial mortgages, bridging facilities, debt management, stamp mitigation and life settlements.

Dhabi Commercial Bank.

Will Foster joins as financial controller. He is a chartered certified accountant with over 20 years of UK financial services experience including senior finance roles within Prudential UK and Aegon Insurance.

Helen Bramham also joins the company as operations manager with responsibility for third party administration partners.

Portillion continues to build its systems and people and says it will launch when the time is right.

## Equifax

Shawn Holtzclaw has been appointed as managing director for Equifax's UK business. He has been a senior executive in the Equifax US business since 2001.

## All Types of Mortgages

The specialist mortgage packager/distributor has appointed Peter Turner as director of its commercial business division. ATOM's commercial enquiry levels have increased dramatically during the last two years. Turner will look after all aspects of ATOM's commercial and bridging mortgage business. His previous career history includes head of sales at a commercial brokerage and seven years as a business development manager with RBoS Commercial.

## LV=

Clare Lucas has been appointed as equity release product development manager. She was previously head of operations for LV='s Financial Advice Service.

## The Connells Group

John Williams has been appointed as corporate development director and joins the Connells Mortgage Services board of directors. Previously, he was with Countrywide plc for 19 years in which time he led its mortgage services and corporate development divisions.