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**BRIDGE**  
INSURANCE BROKERS LIMITED

## Acquisition

Manchester-based Bridge Insurance Brokers Limited acquired fellow independent North West broker Chartwell Insurance Brokers Ltd in December 2007.

Key personnel from Chartwell's Warrington offices are to be integrated into Bridge's city centre operation and will continue to look after their existing Clients with the additional support of the entire Bridge team. Bridge Director Peter Warburton said 'we are delighted with Chartwell and look forward to welcoming their people to our office in Manchester'.

Chartwell Clients will continue to receive the high level of service they are accustomed to, and they will also benefit from the wider range of services offered by Bridge.

The acquisition supports Bridge's organic growth plans for 2008 as both Bridge's Client base and employee numbers have increased.

The acquisition is a significant development for both Companies and makes 2008 a very exciting year for Bridge.

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### Note to editors

Bridge - Established in 1971, Bridge Insurance Brokers Limited is now one of the region's leading independent corporate insurance brokers. With over 80 staff, it is also one of the largest in the North West. The company prides itself on its long-standing relationships with Clients – many of which have been working with Bridge for over 30 years.

Offering risk transfer and innovative insurance programmes to businesses in a wide range of industries, Bridge's specific practice areas include corporate, risk management, environmental, credit, property and due diligence to name a few.

Bridge aims to be more than just an insurance placing organisation. Through offering professional advice, technical excellence, high quality Client service and commercial awareness, the company looks to contribute to the success, profitability and post loss business continuity of Clients.

Chartwell - An independent broker established in 1985.

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