

START-UP FOUNDED BY LAWYER WINS PRIZE AT COMPLIANCE AWARDS

LONDON, 10 November 2009: Marker Global, a two-year old risk advisory and compliance consultancy, has received a special commendation for the title of **Best Consulting Firm of the Year** at the Annual Compliance Awards.

At a ceremony in Park Lane's prestigious Grosvenor House on 9 November, the panel of four judges awarded two prizes in the category, **Best Consulting Firm of the Year**. PwC's financial services regulatory practice won first prize and Marker Global won second prize for its "contribution to the broader regulatory framework over the last 18 months of turmoil".

Dana Denis-Smith, Marker Global's founder and managing director, said:

"I consider this honour as recognition of the quality of our offering. As a young company, we strive to be innovative, cost-effective and close to our clients and it is these qualities that have placed us at the top of the game in the industry".

Dana Denis-Smith is a former solicitor with global law firm Linklaters. Dana founded Marker Global in 2007 to respond to the growing need for a more professional approach to risk advisory and compliance services – including a clear charging structure across the firm's client base, a full understanding of the nature of a client's transaction as well as an ability to analyse how the local political and sectoral context may affect the successful completion of a project in emerging markets. From the outset Dana has borrowed from her experience as a transactional lawyer to have a fresh and innovative approach to offering risk advisory and compliance support.

About Marker Global

Marker Global is a risk advisory firm that helps clients do business in emerging markets by making them aware of regulatory, political, economic and reputational risks that could impact on their transactions. Its innovative compliance product – **Marker Checkpoint** – is a visual verification tool for compliance and risk management teams to supplement in-house Know Your Corporate Partner checks. Marker CheckPoint is designed to help companies check the authenticity of corporate documents supplied by clients from emerging markets. **Marker Flag** and the **Project Room** – provide up-to-the-minute risk analysis that can be stored online, allowing all members of a transaction team 24-hour access to the latest data.

The senior team at Marker Global comprises Christian Henderson, the Middle East director based in Lebanon, and Nicholas Brookes, the business intelligence director

with a strong background in the compliance business. The directors are supported by a team of London-based staff and manage a network of over 50 local emerging markets expert consultants.

Note to Editors

The Compliance Awards, run by Complinet, recognise compliance professionals that have made an outstanding contribution to the industry through the past 12 months. Complinet provides risk-based compliance information and technology solutions and serves over 1800 firms, large and small, in financial services, across 81 countries.

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