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Talbot & Muir partners with Rathbone Investment Management for Simple Retirement Account

Talbot & Muir, the independent Self Invested Personal Pension (SIPP) and Small Self Administered Scheme (SSAS) specialist, has partnered with Rathbones to provide access to their discretionary fund manager offering for clients of the Talbot & Muir Simple Retirement Account (SRA). This will be effective from [add date].

The partnership with Rathbones, one of the UK's leading providers of investment management services for private clients, charities and professional advisers, is effective immediately and they join 6 others on the SRA panel. The others are Brewin Dolphin, Brooks Macdonald, Canaccord Genuity, Close Brothers, Investec and Quilter Cheviot.

Claire Trott, Head of Technical Support at Talbot & Muir, said: "Whenever I talk to advisers they are concerned about their workloads and that increased administration means that they aren't able to spend as much time with their clients. So many are now looking to use a DFM service to provide investment options that are second to none.

"The Talbot & Muir SRA is a simple product that offers high levels of service and a range of DFMs to suit their individual client's needs. We have seen great interest in this product so much so we have recently added flexible drawdown as an option and the addition of Rathbones to the panel will make this even more attractive to advisers."

Nick Frank, Director & Chartered Financial Planner at Weston-Cummins says: "The Simple Retirement Account from Talbot & Muir gives access to DFMs at a very reasonable price. The great thing about this product is that we can still be sure that the high levels of service are there, this is so important for us when we are looking at SIPP providers for our clients."

Matthew Fields, Investment Manager at Rathbones said: "We are delighted to join Talbot & Muir's panel for the SRA. Over recent years we have put a great deal of work into developing our proposition to meet the needs of financial advisers."

The Talbot & Muir SRA offers one bank account and one discretionary fund manager portfolio from their carefully selected panel of DFM partners. All this is available with one application form, no set-up fees and an annual administration fee of just £250 plus VAT. Advisers also have a named administrator that they deal with rather than a call centre approach.

For further information on Talbot & Muir please visit the website at <http://www.talbotmuir.co.uk>

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Notes to Editors:

Formed in 1993 initially as a specialist SSAS provider, Talbot & Muir are a high quality independent provider of SIPP's and SSAS products distributed via Financial Advisers. Talbot & Muir entered the SIPP market in 2000 in response to a growing need for tailored solutions for their clients who wanted something other than "insurance company mentality". The aim is to provide a personal and professional service to all advisers and their clients, with access to all levels in the business from named administrators to the principles of the company.