



Association of Bridging Professionals

Press Release

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Association appoints new Chairman

The Association of Bridging Professionals (AOBP) is pleased to announce the appointment of Rob Jupp, CEO of award-winning specialist loan distributor Brightstar Financial, as its Chairman for 2013/14, effective as of September 1st 2013.

Rob takes over from Jonathan Newman, Principal Partner at legal firm Brightstone Law, who served as Chairman of the Association from 2011 to 2013.

In addition to being a well-known figure within the mortgage and specialist sectors with a wealth of experience, Rob has served on the Executive Committee of the AOBP since the beginning of 2012 and has proven to be a vital part of the organisation's steering panel.

"It's an honour to be taking over the Chairmanship from Jonathan after a very successful two years with him at the helm. The short-term sector has experienced exponential growth - and it's crucial that we have a relevant trade body at its epicentre.

"I am determined to ensure that we continue to have a positive dialogue with the FCA and, where appropriate, to use disciplinary processes within our constitution to root out inappropriate practices that could tarnish the short term community," Rob commented.

The AOBP has flourished during the last two years and has seen growth across all four of its membership tiers. Key events held by the Association have pioneered transparency within the industry and the way is paved for fresh ideas and initiatives.

Speaking on Rob's appointment, outgoing Chairman Jonathan Newman, who will remain as an active member of the Executive Committee said: "I am so pleased that Rob has accepted the position. The members and the industry as a whole should have absolute confidence that their new Chairman will carry out his office with enthusiasm and integrity. As new entrants with innovative business models appear, it will be one of the Chairman's responsibilities to ensure that processes continue to uphold best practice standards for the good of the members and the wider market."

On behalf of its members, the Executive Committee would like to thank Jonathan for his hard work and professional approach which has resulted in the on-going success of the AOBP.

Members attending the AOBP AGM 2013, held on October 24th, will have the chance to hear Rob's first address as Chairman, as well as the opportunity to pose questions to the Executive Committee regarding its plans for 2014 and the state of the market.

Notes for Editors:

About the Association of Bridging Professionals (AOBP):

For further information about the AOBP please visit www.aobp.org.uk

The AOBP provides a service to intermediaries, master brokers and packagers in the bridging industry by providing a forum for discussion on non-competitive issues, acting as a trade body to help promote a favourable operating environment and providing information to assist them in their business.

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