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R.J. O'Brien (UK) Limited Wins "Editor's Choice" Award at FOW International Awards 2015

LONDON, 9 December, 2015 – Chicago-based R.J. O'Brien & Associates (RJO), the oldest and largest independent futures brokerage and clearing firm in the United States, announced today that its London-based affiliate R.J. O'Brien (UK) Limited (RJO UK) has won the prestigious Editor's Choice Award for 2015 at the *FOW* International Awards. Bestowed last night at the publication's awards dinner following the FOW Derivatives World London conference, the honor is the only award of the evening chosen by *FOW Magazine* Editor Luke Jeffs.

FOW is the leading news and data service for the international futures and options industry. The Editor's Choice Award is based on factors including growth prospects, company achievements and successful collaborations and acquisitions.

Late last month, RJO UK also received the award for Best FCM – Innovation at the CTA Intelligence European Services Awards 2015.

Jeffs said: "The Editor's Choice Award recognizes ambition and execution in the derivatives industry. R.J. O'Brien (UK) has shown both in 2015. The acquisition of the Kyte clearing business, the recruitment of well-known broking specialists and the willingness to access new markets are positive steps in a year when many of RJO's rivals have been retreating."

RJO Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Gerald F. Corcoran said: "We're proud of the inroads we've made in Europe in the past year as we laid the foundation for future growth and so honored to be recognized by *FOW* for the coveted Editor's Choice award. We have assembled and are continuing to build an outstanding team in London, and we now have the technology and infrastructure there to provide the first-class service and support throughout the region that has been our mainstay in the United States."

David Mudie, Chief Executive Officer of R.J. O'Brien in Europe, who accepted the award on behalf of the firm, said: "This award is a great reinforcement of our strategy in Europe. This year we focused on the integration of the business and building out our platform. We are now able to leverage the infrastructure and talent we have today to service existing clients, innovate, win new business, attract more talent and maximize our potential."

About R.J. O'Brien

Founded in 1914, R.J. O'Brien & Associates is the largest independent futures brokerage firm in the United States, serving institutional, commercial and individual clients globally, in addition to a network of 400 introducing brokers (IBs). Clearing more than 100,000 client accounts, RJO services the industry's most expansive global network of IBs, a vast array of middle market firms and many of the world's largest financial, industrial and agricultural institutions. The firm offers state-of-the-art electronic trading and 24-hour trade execution on every major futures exchange worldwide.