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Michael Bergmeijer is managing director of Dow Jones Consumer Media Group in Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA). Mr. Bergmeijer is responsible for all business and non-editorial aspects of Dow Jones' consumer publications, including The Wall Street Journal's print and online operations in Europe. He also manages the recently acquired U.K.-based publishing company FinancialNews Limited. Based in London, his role is to direct the growth of Dow Jones Consumer Media Group in the region, particularly through the development of local language online and vertical publications.

Prior to assuming his current position in March 2007, Mr. Bergmeijer was vice president and managing director of Dow Jones Newswires International, having overall responsibility for business and editorial operations in EMEA and Asia-Pacific. Previously, he was vice president of Dow Jones Newswires international business operations. Prior to moving to London in January 2000, he was managing director and senior editor of Dow Jones Newswires in the Asia-Pacific region where he was responsible for the newswires' editorial and business operations, based in Singapore.

Mr. Bergmeijer's journalism career began in January 1984 when he joined AP-Dow Jones Newswires in New York as a national copyreader. He transferred to Rome in November 1986 as chief Italian correspondent, and in February 1990, he moved to Milan. In October 1993, he was named managing editor of the Dow Jones Asian Equities Report in Singapore.

In June 1994, Mr. Bergmeijer was named managing editor of Dow Jones Information Services for Asia-Pacific. Based in Singapore, he was responsible

for the development and production of Dow Jones Telerate's editorial services and products in the region. In January 1996, he was named senior editor for Dow Jones Newswires in the Asia-Pacific region, and he assumed the additional position of managing director in April 1998.

A native of Oegstgeest, the Netherlands, Mr. Bergmeijer received a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Amsterdam. Following a year of graduate work as a Fulbright Scholar in American studies at Smith College in Northampton, Mass., he earned a master's degree in history from the University of Amsterdam. He also has a master's degree from Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies in Bologna, Italy, and was a special research student at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, Md.

While a student in Amsterdam, Mr. Bergmeijer held several assistantships, and he received an award from the Dutch Council of Foreign Relations for the best master's thesis in international affairs.

Mr. Bergmeijer is married to Marina Caruso and has two daughters.