



## PENSION CAPITAL STRATEGIES

### THE INCREASE IN PENSION SCHEME DEFICITS IN 2009 MAKES IT THE WORST YEAR ON RECORD

**London, 25 February 2010** – Pension Capital Strategies Limited (PCS) has updated its regular analysis of the pension schemes of the FTSE 100 to the end of 2009, and can reveal that 2009 was the worst calendar year on record for pension deficits. The total deficit in the pension schemes of the FTSE100 amounts to £72 billion at 31 December 2009. This represents a massive loss of £84 billion on the position a year ago.

Charles Cowling, Managing Director, PCS, comments "These are very difficult times for companies and their pension schemes. We believe that the combination of difficult economic conditions and a Regulator encouraging trustees to be prudent is putting significant pressure on companies to find solutions to offload their pension problems."

Charles Cowling continues, "Now that the Government has made pension provision for high earners unattractive, it is not surprising that Boardroom attitudes to pension schemes are changing and companies are reacting to this combination of tough economic conditions and an increasingly challenging Regulator by closing down final salary pension schemes. We believe that within the next 2 to 3 years the very large majority of final salary pension schemes in the private sector will be closed to all employees."

The latest version of the PCS report "The FTSE100 and their pension disclosures" is available at [FTSE100 Report February 2010](#).

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About Pension Capital Strategies**

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A subsidiary of the Jardine Lloyd Thompson Group, PCS can draw upon skills and experience in the areas of corporate finance, tax, capital markets, asset management, actuarial and general pension regulation and practice to provide strategic advice and practical answers.

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