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FTI Announce Global Partnership With Golfer Padraig Harrington

FTI Consulting, the world's leader in event driven consulting, have announced a multi-year global partnership to become a leading sponsor of Padraig Harrington, the leading international golfer and triple Major championship winner.

FTI's partnership with Mr. Harrington, the winner of the last two British Open Golf Championships and the 2008 PGA Championship, includes FTI branding on the front of Mr. Harrington's hat and agreed co-marketing initiatives around the world for the next number of years.

Mr. Harrington, whose latest recognition was to be named PGA European Tour's Golfer of the Year, qualified as a certified accountant before becoming a professional golfer, mirroring the background of a number of FTI's 3,600 professionals around the world.

"Our new partnership with Padraig Harrington represents the next stage in the evolution of the FTI brand and our Company's presence all over the world," said Declan Kelly, FTI's Executive Vice President and Chief Integration Officer. "In 2009 we intend to maintain our strong growth strategy and that means expanding our presence and our brand awareness to as many corners of the world as possible, especially in the marpresence." ■



Padraig Harrington with Declan Kelly, FTI's Executive VP and Chief Integration Officer

Jim Houlihan's Fighting Irishmen exhibit is on its way to Ireland

Jim Houlihan's ever-popular Fighting Irishmen boxing exhibit, a mainstay in New York and Boston for three years, is on its way to Ireland! The eclectic exhibition of boxing photographs and memorabilia will be the featured attraction for 2009 at Ulster American Folk Park in County Tyrone, Northern Ireland, just outside of Omagh. The exhibit will formally launch on Friday, May 29, 2009 and will be open to the general public through November 29.

In addition to featuring great memorabilia, photographs, artifacts and personal ephemera from the likes of Dan Donnelly, Barry McGuigan, Gene Tunney, Billy Conn, John Duddy, Maureen Shea, and Billy Graham, particular attention will be paid to the 2008 Irish Olympic Boxing team and the current crop of exciting young professionals coming up the ranks in Ireland and those of Irish birth fighting overseas. Of course, certainly the most unique item in the exhibit – the late, great Irish fighter Dan Donnelly's mummified right arm – will again be on display thanks to Josephine Byrne. ■



Jim Houlihan, curator of "Fighting Irishman: A Celebration of the Celtic Warrior" with Pauline Turley of the Irish Arts Center and Josephine Byrne, owner of the arm, with Capt. Henry Donohoe Chief Pilot with Aer Lingus.



Bewley's going carbon neutral

Bewley's, the market leading importer, roaster and supplier of fresh ground coffees in Ireland, has announced that it will become Ireland's first fully certified Carbon Neutral coffee company by year-end 2008, resulting from the implementation of a major environmental sustainability initiative. The development will see over 3,500 tonnes of CO2 removed from the atmosphere each year. The announcement was made at Bewley's Café Grafton Street by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage & Local Government, John Gormley, T.D.