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Tate: Appointment of Franck Petitgas to the Board of Trustees

The Prime Minister has appointed **Franck Petitgas** as a Tate Trustee. His term of appointment will be four years from 18 February 2008.

Franck Petitgas started his career in the City with SG Warburg & Co Ltd in 1986 and in 1993 joined Morgan Stanley & Co in New York. Based in London he is currently co-head of Global Investment Banking for Morgan Stanley. He is an active supporter of the visual arts in the United Kingdom, and is a passionate advocate of Latin American contemporary art. He is a Council Member of the Serpentine Gallery and of Artangel.

Notes to Editors:

1. Tate's mission, laid down by the 1992 Museums and Galleries Act, is to increase public knowledge, understanding and appreciation of art. Its responsibilities are safeguarding and enhancing its assets which are the collections, expertise in the collections and subject area, and the buildings. Tate seeks to spread the benefits of those assets by maximising access and developing value for visitors, satisfying stakeholders and through effective organisation and sound financial management. Tate Trustees are not remunerated.
2. The appointment process has followed the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for political activity (if any declared) to be made public. Mr Petitgas has declared that he undertook no political activity in the UK in the last five years.