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## **SUNSYSTEMS SHORT LISTED IN FD'S EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

**Financial Management Solution finalist for the second consecutive year**

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**LONDON, UK – 25 April 2006.** The SunSystems financial management solution has achieved finalist status in the prestigious 2006 Real Finance/CBI FD's Excellence Awards as announced earlier this month. SunSystems scored highly in the Financial Software Provider of the Year category for both Larger Implementations and Smaller Implementations. This recognition is particularly pleasing as the results are based solely on user feedback and also because this is the second consecutive year that the SunSystems solution has been a finalist.

Real Finance Magazine is one of the UK's most highly respected business-to-business finance publications. It has a circulation of over 25,000 and the magazine is read by chief financial officers, financial directors and senior finance professionals. The awards are based around the results of a survey written and published by Real Finance. Readers are asked to score a number of leading solutions on their business, operational and technical ability. SunSystems received excellent scores and was subsequently named a runner up at the awards with recognition secured in both the Larger and Smaller Implementation categories.

Ian Caswell, Managing Director at Sapphire Systems – the number one reseller for SunSystems, commented "It is encouraging that SunSystems has once again been recognized as an excellent solution by users. The authors remain committed to the on-going development of world class financial and performance management solutions that deliver business benefits to our customers around the world."

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**About Systems Union Group**

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