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## News

### Abbott recognised as one of the UK's Best Workplaces by the *Great Place to Work*<sup>®</sup> Institute

MAIDENHEAD, Berkshire, 22 May 2009 – The *Great Place to Work*<sup>®</sup> Institute has named Abbott as one of the UK's Top 50 Best Workplaces for 2009 in its ranking published in the Financial Times.

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The *Great Place to Work*<sup>®</sup> Institute evaluates the degree of trust in relationships at organisations by analysing employee responses to its Trust Index<sup>®</sup> Employee Survey. The research encompasses key metrics that determine a leading working environment, from the benefits available to employees through to levels of employee engagement with senior management.

According to UK HR Director, Amanda White, "This award is important recognition of Abbott's continued success in the UK as both a business and an employer. We work hard to make Abbott a great place to work as we know that our employees' motivation and satisfaction are key to that success."

Over the last year, Abbott UK has received a number of industry awards and was named one of Britain's Top 3 Most Admired Healthcare Companies by Management Today magazine.

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**About the Great Place to Work Institute**

The UK's Best Workplaces Programme is run by the Great Place to Work<sup>®</sup> Institute UK, which forms part of the world's largest scheme to recognise excellence in people management. A great place to work is one where employees trust the people they work for, have pride in what they do and enjoy the people with whom they work.

The Great Place to Work<sup>®</sup> Institute is a global research and management consultancy with expertise on workplace transformation and has a presence in 40 countries worldwide. The global research programme is the world's largest in the sector with over 4,000 organisations and over 1.5 million employees surveyed each year.

**About Abbott**

Abbott is a global, broad-based health care company devoted to the discovery, development, manufacture and marketing of pharmaceuticals and medical products, including nutritionals, devices and diagnostics. The company employs more than 72,000 people and markets its products in more than 130 countries.

Abbott has been operating in the UK for more than 70 years and currently has operations in Maidenhead, Berkshire (UK Headquarters), Kent, Lancashire, the Midlands and Oxfordshire. An Investor in People and accredited Best Company, Abbott employs more than 2,000 people nationwide.

Abbott's news releases and other information are available on the company's websites at [www.abbott.co.uk](http://www.abbott.co.uk) and [www.abbott.com](http://www.abbott.com).

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