

## Editorial note

After due and proper consideration, the editors agreed to publish in translation Lothar Gall's article: 'Hermann Josef Abs and the Third Reich: "A man for all seasons"?', which first appeared in its developed form in *Zeitschrift für Unternehmensgeschichte*, 43.2 (1998). They consider this to be an important contribution to the ongoing scholarly discussion concerning the roles played by banks and bankers within Germany during the 1930s and 1940s. Furthermore, the article has clear relevance for current discussions, debates and international agreements regarding the Nazi regime's brutal actions and their bitter consequences. Consequently, they reached the overall conclusion that Gall's biographical analysis should reach a wider audience by appearing in English. However, the article's structure meant that its overall argument would be severely affected if the text was divided into two parts and published in *Financial History Review* over two separate numbers. With this in mind, the editors agreed to its publication in its entirety within a single issue. Readers may care to note that Deutsche Bank has met the costs of the journal's additional pages that this has entailed.