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APEX INITIATES SALE OF GLOBAL BUSINESS SETUP EXPERTS, HEALY CONSULTANTS TO HAWKSFORD

In a sale originated by Apex, global corporate, private client and fund services provider Hawksford has announced its acquisition of Healy Consultants (Healy) as it continues to focus on extending and strengthening its global footprint.

As well as bolstering Hawksford's existing capability in Singapore, where Healy is headquartered, the acquisition also establishes a new presence in Dubai via Healy's subsidiary operation, significantly enhancing Hawksford's ability to support the international expansion plans of corporate clients in and via the rapidly growing Middle East hub.

Established in 2003, privately-owned Healy specialises in supporting the set-up of businesses globally by offering a comprehensive range of services, from company registration and bank account opening to immigration, accounting, and tax filing.

As well as providing its blue-chip, high quality, multinational client base with Singapore and Dubai-based regulated company services, the dynamic team also offers access to global expertise through an established and mature network of partners, complementing Hawksford's existing multijurisdictional network of offices and adding to its international reach.

Commenting on the acquisition Michel van Leeuwen, Group Chief Executive, Hawksford said,

"Hawksford's acquisition of Healy Consultants forms part of the next stage of our ambitious growth journey as we continue to strengthen our proposition in key markets and establish a footprint in locations where our clients need us. It builds on our acquisitions over the last twelve months which have seen us strengthen our presence in Mauritius, Ireland, and the Netherlands.

"As well as strengthening our existing presence in the key market of Singapore, this acquisition also provides us with a new presence in Dubai that will be pivotal in our ability to support multinational clients seeking access to the Middle East and Asian markets, and a gateway into Africa. Not only does this acquisition offer jurisdictional synergies, but it also provides a significant opportunity for service line expansion, strengthening our corporate and private client capabilities across Asia and the Middle East, and into global markets.""

Aidan Healy, Founder of Healy Consultants, added:

"There is a clear alignment of thinking between Healy and Hawksford, with both businesses sharing a real focus on the importance of quality service delivery, the expertise of its people and a commitment to growth. With that in mind, this move represents a fantastic opportunity both for our clients to benefit from Hawksford's existing capabilities, and for our people to become part of a like-minded global organisation."



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There are significant drivers of consolidation in these markets and there remains a keen appetite for high quality acquisitions across a number of jurisdictions.

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