## **Apex Corporate Finance**



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## APEX INITIATES PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTMENT IN LEADING ACCOUNTING FIRM

In an investment originated with Apex, a leading mid-market UK private equity firm has invested in a sizeable accounting firm.

The growth capital investment will allow the target to accelerate organic growth through investing in people, infrastructure and processes and inorganic growth through the targeted acquisition of high quality and complementary businesses.

Paul Warren, Managing Director of Apex Corporate Finance, said:

"The accountancy sector is going through a period of significant change with new sources of capital including private equity, increased consolidation, investment in technology, people, processes and regulation and the need to address succession planning.

Given the increasing number of private equity backed portfolio companies and acquisitive independent businesses, we expect this consolidation to increase further. The accounting sector is attractive to investors due to the degree of recurring and repeat revenues as well as the drivers of change. This consolidation has previously happened in a number of other professional services sectors including the trust / fiduciary / fund and corporate services sectors and the legal services sector. Apex Corporate Finance has an established track record of originating sales and acquisitions across the people based professional services sector and we look forward to working with acquirers and sellers in the accountancy market both in the UK and internationally".

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Apex Corporate Finance is a leading Independent Corporate Finance house specialising in Acquisition and Sale Initiation Services in the UK and international accounting, professional services, fiduciary, trust, fund, financial services and other sectors for FTSE 100, small and mid-cap plcs, private equity funds and portfolio companies and independent businesses.

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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