

Press Release

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Target Corporate Finance expands with new Bristol office

BOUTIQUE advisory firm Target Corporate Finance has expanded into Bristol, with the opening of new offices in Temple Quay.

Managing Director, Mark Harman, founded the firm in 2005, expanding the services of his Bath-based company Target Chartered Accountants, and says the move is a key step in furthering its presence across the South West.

“The majority of our deal activity takes place in Bristol, so whilst Target Corporate Finance will still maintain a presence in Bath, the new office will become its main base in the region,” Mark said.

Since 2005, Target has handled more than £250m worth of deals across the group’s office network in the South West, Thames Valley, City of London, and the Midlands.

News of the expansion follows a busy 2010 for the six-strong team, which saw the completion of several high profile deals, including the £9 million LDC-backed BIMBO of Speed Check Services, as well as transactions for Westbury electrical engineering firm Wheeler’s and Bath-based firms Interaction and Great Western Wine.

Jim Shaw, Associate Director at Target Corporate Finance, said: “The move to Bristol shows our continued investment in the firm and demonstrates our increased confidence in the outlook for M&A activity in the South West.

“As well as bringing the team even closer to the corporate finance community in Bristol, the new office also gives us a great base from which to expand in the future,” he adds.

Target Corporate Finance specialise in advising owner-managed businesses across all areas of corporate finance, with particular sector expertise in the defence and national security, food and drink and green technology.



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Target Corporate Finance

Target Corporate Finance is an award-winning boutique advisory firm, with a strong track record of advising vendors and purchasers on a wide range of corporate transactions, including mergers, acquisitions, disposals and management buy-outs.

Target has successfully completed many high profile transactions, with a combined annual value of more than £250m in recent years. The team is recognised nationally for its work and recently won the title of Advisory Team of the Year at the South West Deal Awards.

Target Corporate Finance is part of Target Chartered Accountants – a top 50* accountancy firm, with 185 staff across offices in Bath, London, Reading, and the Midlands. As an owner-managed business, Target has a strong understanding of entrepreneurs and strategic business issues, combined with the high level expertise and service usually associated with multi-national firms.

(*source: Accountancy Age 2010)

Caption for photograph: from left to right, Mark Harman, managing director and founder of Target Corporate Finance, at the firm's new Bristol offices alongside Jim Shaw, associate director.

