

Quoted Companies Alliance appoints two new directors to its board

The Quoted Companies Alliance, the independent membership organisation that champions the interests of small to mid-size quoted companies, announces the appointments of directors of Oliver Hemsley, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Numis Corporation plc, and Vijay Thakrar, a tax partner with Deloitte LLP, to its board. This is with effect from 2th October 2012, following the Quoted Companies Alliance's Annual General Meeting.

Oliver Hemsley is Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Numis Corporation plc, a listed investment banking and stockbroking business based in London and New York. Oliver has built the company into one of the larger independent stockbroking and advisory firms. The company, which employs circa 190 people, is a significant advisor to UK companies with circa 140 corporate clients, of which 26 are in the FTSE 250.

Vijay Thakrar is a tax partner with Deloitte. He works extensively with listed companies, particularly outside the FTSE 100 through to AIM companies on a range of issues. He was previously Chairman of the Quoted Companies Alliance Tax Expert Group and led its representations on issues such as Capital Gains Tax Entrepreneurs' Relief and extensions of reliefs to the Enterprise Investment Scheme and Venture Capital Trusts regimes that were recently put in place. He is also Chairman of the Deloitte Next FTSE 350 Quoted Companies Academy.

The Quoted Companies Alliance has also re-elected the following board directors: Harry Hyman, Founder and Managing Director of Primary Health Properties plc, Tim Ward, Chief Executive of the Quoted Companies Alliance, and Paul Watts, Partner at Baker Tilly and Treasurer of the Quoted Companies Alliance. Katie Morris, Head of Compliance Advisory (UK) at Brewin Dolphin Ltd, has now stepped down from the board.

Tim Ward, Chief Executive of the Quoted Companies Alliance, commenting on the board appointments said: "Our board is representative of the small and mid-size quoted company community. The addition of Oliver Hemsley and Vijay Thakrar to our board reflects the strength of our community and both individuals bring a wealth of experience in the sector, which will help us to ensure that our influence and initiatives continue to create an impact for our members.

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“I would also like to thank Katie Morris, who has stepped down from our board after 11 years of service and prior to that having spent six years as Chief Executive of the Quoted Companies Alliance. Her invaluable knowledge of the sector and guidance will be missed.”

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