

Quoted Companies Alliance appoints Sam Smith to its Board

The Quoted Companies Alliance, the independent membership organisation that champions the interests of small to mid-size quoted companies, announces the new appointment of Sam Smith to its Board.

Sam Smith is Chief Executive Officer of finnCap, an independent broker for growth companies. Sam founded finnCap in 2007, leading the buyout of JM Finn's small-cap corporate advisory and broking division. She started her career in 1998 when she joined the private client broker JM Finn, after qualifying as a chartered accountant with KPMG. In April 2010, Sam completed the purchase of the remaining shareholding from JM Finn. Under her leadership as the youngest and only female chief executive of a City stockbroking firm, finnCap is now one of the leading and fastest-growing independent brokers in the UK.

Sam continues to drive finnCap forward and is closely involved in the day-to-day running of the company; to date, she has worked on over 200 transactions, including many IPOs and secondary fundraisings.

Outside her duties as the CEO of finnCap, Sam is actively involved in various mentoring projects and organisations such as Pinky Lilani's "Women of the Future" awards, of which Sam is a former winner. Sam is also a patron for the Modern Muse project, aimed at millions of young girls throughout the UK to encourage and inspire them to look at business careers and entrepreneurship as a way to fulfil their ambitions.

Sam Smith comments on her appointment to the board, effective from 13 May 2014: "I am delighted to be appointed to the Quoted Companies Alliance's board as a director. The Quoted Companies Alliance plays a vital role in ensuring that UK public equity markets are helping small and mid-size quoted companies to grow and I look forward to helping the Quoted Companies Alliance further that aim."

Tim Ward, Chief Executive of the Quoted Companies Alliance, commenting on the appointment, said: "I welcome the appointment of Sam Smith to the Quoted Companies Alliance's board. Sam's experience of building finnCap up as one of the foremost small and mid-size quoted company brokers is invaluable and will bring a unique perspective to our board. I look forward to working with Sam."

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1. A photograph of Sam Smith is available on request. Please email kate.jalbert@theqca.com.
2. The Quoted Companies Alliance is the independent membership organisation that champions the interests of small to mid-size quoted companies. We campaign, we inform and we interact to help our members keep their businesses ahead. Through our activities, we ensure that our influence always creates impact for our members. For more information please visit www.theqca.com