

PRESS RELEASE

KINGSWOOD LLP ANNOUNCES TWO NEW APPOINTMENTS

Kingswood LLP (“Kingswood”) is delighted to announce the appointment of Rick Behan and Richard Massing as Partners from 1 June 2021.

Rick Behan joins Kingswood after a hugely successful career as a Partner with Blick Rothenberg (and formally Shelly Stock Hutter) where he ran a large client portfolio of owner managed businesses across a wide range of sectors. Rick will lead the firm in delivering on a full suite of services including statutory audit, corporate tax advisory, corporate structuring, personal tax and remuneration planning. Rick specialises in working with SMEs delivering bespoke outsourced solutions to help business owners get the right management information and facilitate strong financial governance. Rick qualified as a Chartered Accountant in Manchester in 2007.

Richard Massing joins to lead the Corporate Finance offering from PwC, where he was a Director in their Deals business advising a wide range of clients through M&A processes and other transaction related activities. Richard specialises in helping businesses prepare for transaction processes (be that buying, selling or refinancing); general corporate finance advice; and due diligence. Richard qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 2012 working with owner-managed businesses in PwC’s mid-tier assurance business.

Jonathan Massing (Managing Partner) says: “Rick and Richard together bring a unique set of market-leading skills and an enhanced proposition for our clients. Alongside Kingswood’s investment fund (KPFLP), we are well placed to bring our clients a unique proposition of capital raising opportunities, corporate finance services and the more traditional suite of accounting and professional services. The entire team at Coldbath Square look forward to welcoming Rick and Richard and are hugely excited about the next chapter of Kingswood’s journey.”

Rick Behan

Rick is focused on providing an extremely high quality of service to our ever-growing portfolio of clients. He has a fast-growing client base operating across a broad range of industries but specialises in the property, technology and financial services sectors. Rick’s primary focus is on understanding his clients’ needs and overall objectives, whether short term or long term. He enjoys working closely and collaboratively with clients to help them navigate tax issues, facilitate expansion or prepare for exit. At Kingswood we are all geared to helping our clients succeed.

Rick qualified as a Chartered Accountant in Manchester in 2007 having graduated from the University of Sheffield in 2004. Rick moved to London from Manchester in 2013 and was appointed Partner at Shelley Stock Hutter (now Blick Rothenberg) shortly afterwards in 2016.

When not at the office, Rick is an avid Manchester United fan and general sports enthusiast. He enjoys travelling, spending time with family and relaxing with friends.

Richard Massing

Richard leads Kingswood's Corporate Finance business and advises investors and management teams on a wide range of transactional matters such as acquisitions, management buy-outs, debt refinancing, capital raising and sale preparations. Richard is hugely passionate about business and enjoys working with clients to develop successful and pragmatic solutions. The breadth of knowledge Kingswood offers is truly market leading and we are proud of our ability to develop tailored and bespoke advice across both corporate finance and compliance (including FCA regulatory support) for our clients.

Before joining Kingswood, Richard was a Director in PwC's transaction services business, where he spent over seven years advising clients through transaction processes, specialising in financial due diligence. Prior to this, he spent five years with PwC's mid-tier assurance business, working closely with owner managed business and small listed companies on audit and assurance engagements.

Richard is ACA qualified and graduated from the University of Nottingham having spent time studying abroad at the University of Auckland.

Outside of work Richard enjoys travelling, the outdoors and is a very recreational Arsenal fan.

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About Kingswood LLP and Kingswood Corporate Finance Limited

Kingswood LLP is a boutique firm of Chartered Accountants providing audit, accounting and tax advice predominantly to owner managed business and high net worth individuals. Additionally, with its ability to provide forensic accounting, litigation support and due diligence reporting, clients of Kingswood LLP can directly source a fully rounded range of services as required.

Kingswood Corporate Finance Limited as an FCA authorised and regulated business provides corporate finance advice principally to the SME sector including the sale and purchase of businesses, management buy-ins and buy-outs as well as advising on equity and loan finance structuring and business valuations. Additionally, Kingswood Corporate Finance Limited can

provide FCA support to entities not initially seeking direct authorisation with the FCA by taking them on as Appointed Representatives.

About KPFLP

KPFLP is a private investment partnership. Formed in 2004, KPFLP has undertaken a range of long- term investments and financial transactions including: participating in real estate investments; private equity investments incorporating equity and loan capital to the SME sector; subscribing for equity warrants and options; dealing in financial assets; trading in listed equities, fixed income and currencies. KPFLP is managed by its General Partner, Kingswood Investment Partners Limited, which is an Authorised Representative of Kingswood Corporate Finance Limited for FCA purposes.