

News release

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Hawksford International recognised as Top 25 Trust Company

HAWKSFORD has been recognised as a leading trust company in the prestigious 2011 Private Client Practitioner Top 25 Trust Companies List for the second year in succession.

The announcement of Hawksford's inclusion on the esteemed list comes only weeks after the wealth structuring firm was crowned Trust Company of the Year at the Citywealth Magic Circle Awards, at a ceremony in London.

'We are delighted to have been recognised once again by Private Client Practitioner, it is testament to the hard work and continuing dedication of our team who have really gone above and beyond to secure Hawksford's place in the market,' said Peter Murley, CEO, Hawksford.

'The business is at an exciting stage of development and inclusion on this list, for the second year in a row, is a fitting step to follow our two recent award successes; being crowned Trust Company of the Year at the Citywealth Magic Circle Awards and Independent Trust Company Team of the Year at the STEP Private Client Awards for 2010/2011. Once again, we are very pleased to be representing Jersey in such a positive way.'

The companies that made the prominent list are regarded as being 'the biggest and most successful trust companies' which are 'well placed to meet the challenges that the future will bring'.

The directors of Hawksford bought the business from Rathbone Brothers plc in 2008, backed by Dunedin. Hawksford is a leading independent wealth structuring company with the expertise, experience and resource to create and manage structures that withstand the challenges of today's demanding global environment.

The Top 25 Trust companies will be recognised at an exclusive gala dinner at Bonhams auctioneers, London on 7th June 2011.

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About Hawksford

Hawksford is a leading independent wealth structuring company with the expertise, experience and resource to create and manage structures that withstand the challenges of today's demanding global environment. In spring 2011 Hawksford was recognised as Trust Company of the Year at the Citywealth Magic Circle Awards and in autumn 2010 the organisation collected the Independent Trust Company Team of the Year award at the STEP Private Client Awards. Steve Carr, Trust Manager for Private Clients at Hawksford, was also recognised by Private Client Practitioner in the 2010 Top 35 Under 35 rankings.

The business focuses on larger and more complex situations, working closely with both private and commercial clients and their advisors to administer sophisticated, effective structures.

Hawksford believes the key to success is to form strong relationships, working closely with clients and their advisors to gain real insight into their requirements. The foundation for these relationships comes from employing the highest calibre and most experienced people, a commitment to finding solutions and the culture of working to world class standards of service.

The technical expertise and scale of Hawksford enables the business to handle large and complex structures, while its independence and exclusive focus on wealth structuring give it the flexibility and autonomy to do what is right for its clients.

Hawksford is driving to become the leading international specialist in the creation, management and governance of larger or more complex private client and corporate wealth management structures.

Hawksford can trace its roots back to late 19th century Jersey, when lawyer Cyril Hawksford first began practising. Since the 1970s, a dynamic and successful offshore trust business has evolved, which retains a firm focus on the company's traditional professional values. It is for this reason that the name Hawksford was selected following the management buyout from Rathbone Brothers Plc in October 2008.

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The buyout has given Hawksford the independence, resource and motivation that are crucial to delivering the best service for its clients and their advisors. As an organisation with a global vision, this position also allows the business to develop its international reach, strengthening its worldwide facilities to respond to the growing demand for sophisticated, multi-jurisdiction, offshore structures.

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