

Grant Thornton expands Edinburgh office



GRANT THORNTON UK WELCOMES SEVEN STRONG TEAM IN LATEST GROWTH PUSH

One of the country's leading business and financial advisers has boosted its financial services team as part of a major growth strategy.

Seven new team members, including one partner, are now based at Grant Thornton UK's Edinburgh offices.

The move follows the organisation's acquisition of the specialist UK financial services advisory arm of leading global consulting services firm, Navigant Consultant, Inc.

Across Britain, a 45 strong team, incorporating three partners and nine directors, have joined Grant Thornton UK, bringing with them a strong track record in the retail financial services market and a particular focus on the challenger banks.

Over the last two years, Grant Thornton UK has grown rapidly in Scotland. In 2012 the organisation moved into new state-of-the-art offices in the heart of Edinburgh's financial district, bringing it closer to key stakeholders and clients.

The team has also made a number of senior appointments over the last twelve months and played a leading role in bringing the new Green Investment Bank to Scotland's capital city.

Sandra Rodger, Partner, Grant Thornton UK LLP, said: -"Over the last year Grant Thornton has focussed on innovation and growth and this has helped us to grow at a time when many organisations have been fighting for survival. The new

financial services team adds yet another layer of expertise to the business and enables us to offer even greater insight and assistance to existing and future clients.

“Our leading role in bringing the Green Investment Bank to Edinburgh is a great example of the drive and entrepreneurial spirit that exists both within Grant Thornton and the wider Scottish business community. Looking forward, we hope to expand even further and play a major part in helping Scotland’s business compete and sustainably grow on an international level.”

New Partner Ewen Fleming, who leads the new Edinburgh-based financial services team, added: -“Grant Thornton represents an excellent fit both culturally and strategically and we are delighted to have landed in our new home. The transition to Grant Thornton has been very smooth and in effect it is already business as usual.

“We can now bring to our clients increased advisory and delivery capability in Distribution & Operations Strategy and Execution, , Risk & Regulation and Assurance across the Financial Services industry sectors of Retail & SME Banking, Capital Markets, Insurance and Investment Management.”