Payne proved a cut above the rest

Jonathan Payne is the new managing director of Edinburgh-based jewellers Hamilton & Inches.

The company, who are Royal Warrant holders, plan to invest in the training and development and make significant infrastructure updates.



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Victoria Houghton, the company's CEO, said: "His understanding of Scotland as a retail destination will add credence to our global development strategy."

The firm are looking to double turnover over the next five years and renovations to the George Street showroom, they claim, will deliver a fresh retail approach which has not been seen before in Scotland.

Payne said: "Hamilton & Inches represents everything a luxury jeweller should be. This includes the talented team in the workshop handcrafting exceptional silverware and jewellery, the vastly knowledgeable and experienced retail team and the longstanding relationships the team has developed over many years with clients and brands."

Jonathan was involved in the growth of a £35m turnover across four locations — Glasgow, Edinburgh, Cardiff and Southampton — when he worked at Laings. He was also sales and operations director at Holland & Barrett.