Recruitment specialists expand with new appointment

SPECIALIST recruiters dedicated to matching talent with Scotland's financial services have made a senior-level appointment as a key element of their growth plans.

Chris Donald joins Edinburgh's <u>Core-Asset Consulting</u>, stepping up from a similar role at Change — where he spent eight years developing an intimate

understanding of the sector in Scotland.

The move will reunite him with John Docherty, (Associate Director, Accounting and Finance), who first hired Chris at Change Recruitment, before joining Core-Asset himself in 2012.

Crucially, his appointment as a Senior Business Manager will enable Core-Asset's accountancy and finance team to expand its offering — as it seeks to deliver moves into blue-chip companies in areas of increasing interest to Scotland's A&F professionals.

This will see the team focus on both developing a deeper expertise in Financial Services, while also partnering firms in areas such as Energy/Renewables, internationally scaled listed businesses and Fintech.

Edinburgh-native Chris, who is 31 is delighted for the opportunity to reunite with John while stepping up to a new, albeit familiar, challenge.

He said: "I'm under no illusions this is both a huge opportunity and challenge,

but it's something I'm relishing.

"I certainly didn't make the move lightly having spent more than eight years in my previous role.

"What attracted me to Core-Asset is the opportunity to be entrepreneurial while ensuring we continue to deliver the service to our established clients that belies our reputation to date.

"It's that understanding of our specialisms that has helped the business become so highly regarded by both clients and candidates alike — something that's rare in our sector."

Chris's remit will include overseeing moves from qualified accountants through to manager level, progressing to more senior appointments in new sectors, while John will continue to work with senior appointments.

John, Associate Director with Core-Asset, said: "Chris brings a wealth of expertise and will work well within our service-driven model."

"I'm excited Chris is joining and to be able to introduce him to clients, many of whom already know him well.

"Very few individuals in Scotland can boast such a shrewd understanding of the people driving our financial services, in particular those making a mark as managers.

"For Chris to be able to support our clients is of utmost importance, in addition to exploring new opportunities — and consulting with our candidates on the paths open to them."

Based in Edinburgh's west end, Core-Asset has recently posted its most successful year since launching in 2005, with founder and Managing Director Betsy Williamson citing the importance of staying faithful to its specialisms.

From the outset, the business carved its reputation within

Scotland's globally renowned asset management sector. However, the success of its model allowed it to expand across the wider financial services market. It now boasts a dedicated accounting and finance team and also works in Scotland's thriving legal sector.

For more information on Core-Asset Consulting, please visit: http://www.core-asset.co.uk/

