Top legal firm appoints Edinburgh M&A expert

Multinational law firm <u>Pinsent Masons</u> has appointed Edinburgh-based partner Walter Clark to join its UK financial services corporate team.

Walter is an M&A lawyer, with a primary focus on deals in the financial services sector across the UK, particularly for clients with a strong presence in Scotland.

Walter joins from Scottish law firm Burness Paull, where he was a partner in the M&A team, having joined as a trainee in 2000. As part of his role, he also headed up the governance and company secretarial team.

Head of UK corporate at Pinsent Masons, Edward Stead, said: "We've known Walter for many years thanks to his excellent reputation in the market and it's a great pleasure to welcome him to the team. His profile and experience in the Scottish legal market will bring strong value to our clients, particularly in financial services and also more widely."

Global head of financial services, John Maciver, added: "Walter's appointment is part of an ambitious growth strategy for our global financial services sector and will particularly reinforce the team's capabilities in Scotland and the rest of the UK."

Walter Clark added: "I am very excited to join such an impressive team of innovative and focused individuals. I'm really looking forward to being part of a strong and

collaborative international network, as well as working alongside so many sector specialists. It's great to be getting started and there are exciting times ahead."

Pinsent Masons employs more than 550 lawyers and support staff in Scotland at its offices in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen.

Pinsent Masons office network extends across the major international business centres of London, Dublin, Munich, Frankfurt, Düsseldorf, Madrid, Paris, Doha, Dubai, Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Singapore, Johannesburg, Sydney Melbourne and Perth — and the key commercial centres in the UK.

