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**Title: DAINS GROUP GROWS NATIONAL PRESENCE WITH
ACQUISITION OF BARNES ROFFE**

Leading accountancy and advisory services provider to the SME market, the Dains Group ("Dains"), announces that it has made its second acquisition since securing private equity backing from IK Partners ("IK") in a move that demonstrates its intention to build the leading SME advisory business in the UK and Ireland.

Barnes Roffe, one of the UK's top 50 accounting firms, will join the Dains Group on 4th June 2025, significantly strengthening the client proposition in financial advisory, corporate tax, audit, and corporate finance. The Barnes Roffe team has over 29 partners and more than 200 employees in the London area.

The acquisition, which is the largest yet by the Group, means Dains will now have established four key regional hubs across the UK and Ireland — in the South-East, Midlands, Scotland and Ireland — and are on target to become a top 20 firm by the end of 2025.

Barnes Roffe has a strong reputation as a highly customer-centric and proactive business with a talented team. It has built a reputation for delivering outstanding value and service to its clients for over 125 years, since its establishment in 1899.

Stephen Corner, Senior Partner at Barnes Roffe, commented, "By partnering with Dains we are joining a firm with the same values and underlying service proposition we have been delivering to our clients for many years and together we will deliver a truly market leading proposition for our clients. Becoming part of a national firm widens our service proposition and increases the range of specialist services we can deliver whilst at the same time greatly enhancing the career opportunities for our talented team. We look forward to significantly growing the Dains business in the South-East.

We are thrilled to welcome Barnes Roffe to the [Dains Group](#)," said Richard McNeilly, CEO of Dains Group. "It's not often we encounter such a dynamic and client-centric leadership team. Together, we see significant opportunities to grow our presence in the London area and expand across the UK and Ireland. The addition of Barnes Roffe strengthens our national footprint and aligns perfectly with our strategy to deliver exceptional client service and outstanding career opportunities.

With a team now exceeding 1,000 professionals, we remain committed to enhancing the value we provide to clients and investing in the development of our talented people.

Our ambition is to work in partnership with clients, offering timely, thoughtful advice rooted in a deep understanding of their goals. This approach has underpinned Barnes Roffe's impressive growth and makes them a natural strategic partner for our group."

Pete Wilson, Partner at IK Partners added "This strategic acquisition demonstrates our ambition to continue building Dains into the leading UK & Ireland SME advisory business by establishing a strong presence, led by an outstanding team at Barnes Roffe, in London and the South-East. We look forward to continuing to back further acquisitions as part of this exciting partnership."

Dains were advised by CMS (Legal), Eight Advisory (Financial and Tax Due Diligence), Forward Corporate Finance (Financial Modelling), Deloitte (Tax Structuring), PDW (Customer Referencing), Cyber Crowd (IT Due Diligence), Mercia (Technical Due Diligence).

Barnes Roffe were advised by KPMG CF (Corporate Finance) and KPMG Legal (Legal).

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Notes to Editor

Dains

Dains is ranked 29th in the National Accountancy Age ranking by firm size within the surveyed top 100 accountancy firms in the UK. From 4th June 2025 the team will be over 1,000 people strong with offices throughout the UK and Ireland.

Our core services are Accountancy & Business Services, Audit, Corporate Finance, Forensic Accounting, Taxation and Probate alongside outsourced FD and HR support. We deliver these services with a focus on our core values of Valued Relationships, Fairness, Working & Succeeding Together and Integrity. Together these core values make up the Dains DNA which runs through each of our interactions and activities.

More information can be found at www.dains.com

IK Partners

IK Partners ("IK") is a European private equity firm focused on investments in the Benelux, DACH, France, Nordics and the UK. Since 1989, IK has raised more than €19 billion of capital and invested in over 200 European companies. IK supports companies with strong underlying potential, partnering with management teams and investors to create robust, well-positioned businesses with excellent long-term prospects. For more information, visit ikpartners.com

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