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Title: Dains appoints David Silver as Group Chair

The Dains Group has appointed David Silver as Group Chair, marking a significant step in its ambition to become the leading business advisory firm across the UK & Ireland.

Silver brings more than two decades of investment banking experience, most recently serving as Head of European Investment Banking at a US investment bank for nine years.

Throughout his career, he advised on more than 100 M&A transactions worldwide, with a particular focus on white collar and tech enabled services businesses.

A qualified lawyer with an MBA from London Business School, Silver has transitioned in recent years to chair and non-executive roles within private equity-backed professional services firms – including in the accountancy sector.

In addition to his business leadership, he is a trustee of the Multiple Sclerosis Society and sits on its appeal board.

Silver's wealth of experience in dealmaking, strategic growth, and board-level leadership will be instrumental in supporting Dains' continued expansion and long-term vision.

The high-profile appointment follows Dains' acquisition of Barnes Roffe - it's largest to date and second after securing private equity investment from IK Partners.

David Silver, Group Chair of Dains said: "Dains has a clear vision, a strong reputation and an ambitious leadership team committed to building a market-leading advisory business.

"I look forward to working with Richard and the team to drive the next phase of growth and deliver exceptional outcomes for clients across the UK and Ireland."

Richard McNeilly, CEO of Dains said: "David's appointment as Group Chair marks an exciting milestone for Dains. His outstanding track record in M&A, deep understanding of professional services, and experience in scaling private equity-backed businesses make him a powerful addition to our leadership team.

"With David's support, we're well placed to accelerate our growth and continue delivering outstanding services to ambitious businesses."

Notes to Editor

Dains:

Dains is ranked 29th in the National Accountancy Age ranking by firm size and was the fastest-growing firm within the surveyed top 100 accountancy firms in the UK. The team is now over 1000 people strong, including 120 Partners and Directors with offices throughout the UK.

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 comprise the Dains DNA, which permeates every one of our interactions and activities.

More information can be found at www.dains.com

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