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Title: Dains Group bolsters services with acquisition of Curo

Dains, a leading provider of accountancy and advisory services, has announced its fourth acquisition since securing private equity backing from IK Partners. The addition of Curo enhances the firm's audit, tax, accounting and advisory capabilities and strengthens its commitment to both UK and international clients.

The Dains Group has acquired Curo, a Worcestershire professional services practice known for delivering high-quality audit, tax, accounting and advisory services to a diverse portfolio of UK and international clients.

Founded in 2005 by Anna Madden and Julia Gallagher, who first met whilst working together at a 'Big Four' firm, Curo has built an excellent reputation - combining technical expertise with a highly personalised approach.

Curo enhances Dains' capabilities in areas traditionally associated with much larger firms, whilst complementing its focus on clarity and client service.

The Curo team, based in Bromsgrove, will continue to operate under the leadership of Anna Madden (Head of Audit) and Julia Gallagher (Head of Tax) after twenty successful years at the helm.

Like Dains, Curo is built on close, long-term client partnerships and a shared commitment to providing clarity and confidence in an increasingly complex business landscape.

Richard McNeilly, CEO of the Dains Group said: "Curo has built an outstanding reputation for technical excellence and long-standing client relationships.

"Its ability to deliver complex audits and cross-border tax work, while maintaining a highly personal approach, is rare in the market and complements our own strengths perfectly.

"By bringing our teams together, we're strengthening our ability to provide clarity and confidence to clients navigating complex challenges, whilst extending the breadth of services and support available to them."

Anna Madden, Co-Founder and Head of Audit at Curo said: “When Julia and I founded Curo, our vision was to combine the technical standards of a’ Big Four’ firm with the personal service and flexibility that clients truly value.

“Over the years, we’ve built long-lasting relationships and supported clients with increasingly complex and international needs.

“Joining the Dains Group allows us to continue that journey with greater scale and resources, while keeping the trusted relationships that sit at the heart of our firm.”

Julia Gallagher, Co-Founder and Head of Tax at Curo added: “We are proud of the reputation Curo has earned for quality, expertise and client service.

“Becoming part of the Dains Group means our clients will benefit from an expanded range of services, without losing the personal connection and continuity they rely on.

“We’re excited to be working with a team that shares our values and commitment to helping clients succeed.”

Advisors on the deal:

Dains were advised by DSW (Financial and Tax Due Diligence), PDW (Customer Referencing), Cyber Crowd (IT Due Diligence), Mercia (Technical Due Diligence).

Curo were advised by Transcend Corporate (Corporate Finance) and Shakespeare Martineau (Legal).

Notes to the 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.

Curo:

Curo is a well-regarded Worcestershire-based practice, offering a service focused on delivering high-quality audit, tax, accounting and advisory. Founders and partners Anna

Madden and Julia Gallagher have grown the business over 20 years into the practice it is today, with clients covering a wide range of industries across the UK and overseas.

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 €17 billion of capital and invested in over 195 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.

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