



Dundas & Wilson to open Aberdeen office

Dundas & Wilson has today, 2 February 2012, confirmed that it is to open an office in Aberdeen. This strategic move comes in response to a growing demand from the firm's existing clients and the intermediaries it regularly deals with, to have a permanent presence in the city.

To date, Dundas & Wilson's focus in Aberdeen has predominantly been on all forms of oil service related corporate transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, management buy-outs, management advisory instructions and private equity mandates. Through its new office, the firm will initially concentrate on the corporate market but will build a team of lawyers to address the specific requirements of the wider Aberdeen market.

The new office will also have access to the full range of the firm's specialist legal services base including top rated coverage in real estate, employment law, banking, pensions, tax, competition law, environmental law, planning law and litigation serving both Scottish and English jurisdictions.

Dundas & Wilson's Aberdeen team will be lead by senior corporate partners Douglas Crawford and David Davidson and senior associate Helen Machin, all of whom are already well-known figures in the Aberdeen legal and deal-doing community. Douglas and David are both individually rated by Chambers and Partners as being among the top corporate practitioners in Scotland.

Each of Doug, David and Helen will work full-time from the firm's new Aberdeen office on a permanent basis.

Douglas Crawford commented: *"I am personally delighted that the firm has decided to open an office in Aberdeen and am honoured to be asked to lead the initiative alongside David and Helen. We are fortunate in being able to open with a very strong focus on corporate work and to be supported by a full UK-wide team of specialist lawyers, offering a wealth of specialist legal expertise and experience."*

David Davidson added: *"Both Doug and I have worked on a number of transactions on behalf of clients based in Aberdeen and the north east of Scotland or involving Aberdeen companies and we appreciate what a dynamic and exciting market it is. As a firm, we recognise the importance of establishing a permanent and properly resourced presence in the city."*

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Notes to editors:

Dundas & Wilson is a national law firm with 82 partners and 369 fee earners based across offices in London, Edinburgh and Glasgow. The firm draws its expertise from multiple practices to service four key industry sectors: Financial Services, Real Estate, Energy & Infrastructure and Government and Public Sector. The firm acts for a range of clients including many household names in commerce and industry, FTSE 100 companies, major global business and privately owned entrepreneurial businesses. According to the latest survey by Chambers & Partners of whom in the UK acts for FTSE 100 companies Dundas & Wilson is ranked ahead of its top 40 UK law firm positioning: first for real estate, second for utilities, fourth for regulation, seventh for finance companies and fifteenth overall out of the hundreds of law firms in the UK.

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Financial services - The team advises some of the top financial services companies in the UK and provides full service capability across a wide range of practice areas including banking and finance, corporate, funds, private equity and tax.

Real estate - The team acts for lenders and investors, occupiers and borrowers, energy and utilities and developers as well as property companies. Advice is drawn from a complex array of real estate specialisms and across a broad range of practices including planning, construction, environmental law and tax.

Energy & infrastructure - The team works at the heart of the dynamic, highly regulated and complex energy and infrastructure sectors, with a particular specialism in the fields of nuclear, waste and renewables. The firm provides a full range of commercial legal services to its client base that includes major utilities, operators, developers, contractors, bidding consortia, financial institutions, investment funds and managers and the public sector.

Government & public sector - The cross-departmental group has in-depth experience working with local government and a wide range of public sector organisations.