

Press release

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DAVIES ARNOLD COOPER LLP AND BEACHCROFT LLP CONFIRM MERGER

The members of Beachcroft LLP and Davies Arnold Cooper LLP have voted in favour of the merger of their two firms. Management teams from both firms are finalising the outstanding details and the combined firm will launch as DAC Beachcroft LLP on 1 November, 2011. DAC Beachcroft will have a turnover in excess of £175 million and over 2,000 staff. The combined firm will have a comprehensive network of offices in the UK and an international capability covering Europe, Latin America, North America and Asia Pacific.

DAC Beachcroft will have market-leading teams working with clients in the insurance, real estate and healthcare sectors. The merger will also create significantly enhanced teams advising clients on their corporate, commercial, regulatory, employment and dispute resolution requirements.

DAC Beachcroft - key facts

- Number of partners: circa 230
- Total number of partners and staff: circa 2,000
- UK locations: Birmingham, Bristol, Leeds, London, Manchester, Newcastle, Newport (Beachcroft Claims Ltd), Winchester
- International locations: Ireland (Beachcroft Dublin), Mexico, New Zealand (Beachcroft New Zealand Ltd), Singapore, Spain
- International associations: Member of Harmonie Group of law firms (providing coverage across North America and Europe); working in association with JBO Advocacia (Brazil) and SegurosLex (Chile); joint venture with Khaitan Jayakar Sud & Vohra (India)

Paul Murray, Managing Partner of Beachcroft, commented: "We are very pleased to be creating a firm with such considerable strength across its core markets. Both firms specialise in the insurance sector and the combined firm will provide insurance clients with a distinctive, full-service offering in the UK and internationally. In addition, Beachcroft's market-leading health practice will be well complemented by Davies Arnold Cooper's strong presence in the life sciences sector."

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Danny Gowan, Senior Partner at Davies Arnold Cooper, added: "The merger brings together complementary strengths in both our teams and the business processes that underpin how we work with clients. In addition to the benefits it provides to our insurance clients, it doubles the size of each firm's existing real estate practice. I am particularly encouraged that both firms have similar cultures which will help ensure a successful merger."

For more information please visit www.dacbeachcroft.com

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Beachcroft LLP

Beachcroft is one of the largest national commercial law firms in the UK with more than 1,650 employees, including over 950 lawyers and 162 partners and is a leading provider of legal services to the insurance and healthcare markets.

It operates as Beachcroft Dublin in Ireland, specialising in insurance and health, and as Beachcroft New Zealand Ltd in Auckland and Wellington. Beachcroft has a representative office in Brussels and a joint venture in India.

For more information about Beachcroft visit www.beachcroft.com

Davies Arnold Cooper LLP

Davies Arnold Cooper LLP is a full service international law firm established more than 80 years ago. It has over 200 lawyers across London, Manchester, Madrid and Mexico City.

With an outstanding reputation in insurance, dispute resolution and real estate, Davies Arnold Cooper also tops the independent league tables for its work in product liability and is highly rated in corporate, commercial litigation, employment and construction.

For more information about Davies Arnold Cooper visit <http://www.dac.co.uk/>