

GW Professional acquires Sydney based Olivier to further increase international capability

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Acquisition creates new international candidate pipeline

GW Professional (<http://www.gwprofessional.com/>), the international recruitment group and parent company of specialist recruitment brands FSS (<http://www.fss.co.uk>), Crone Corkill (<http://www.cronecorkill.co.uk>) and Strategi (<http://www.strategi-group.com/index2.php>), has announced the acquisition of Olivier, a Sydney based professional services recruitment consultancy, for an undisclosed sum. The acquisition will not only complement and strengthen the existing brands which have built up an enviable reputation across the City, Greater London, the Thames Valley and the North West, but will also provide an international candidate pipeline between the UK and Australia.

Founded in 1991, Olivier is a well established recruitment business with a strong management team operating within the accountancy & finance, banking, sales & marketing, office support and HR sectors. It is a high profile brand due in no small part to the organisation's development and ownership of the "Olivier Job Index" which provides a monthly guide to job creation activity across Australia, and which features regularly in the Australian media.

Commenting on the acquisition, Graeme Maude, Chief Executive of GW Professional (<http://www.gwprofessional.com/>), said: "During our market research we looked at over 30 companies and Olivier matched us perfectly both in terms of organisational synergy and cultural fit. They mirror us in many of their market sectors such as accountancy, finance, HR and office support and also bring new areas to the table such as sales & marketing and financial planning. Similarly, GW Professional (<http://www.gwprofessional.com/>), can offer expertise in the actuarial, compliance, risk and legal markets - a partnership which will help us achieve our aim of growing our professional services recruitment offerings beyond our traditional geographical markets."

"Our strategy focuses on expanding into Australasia as this complements our existing and growing international presence in the USA and Middle East as well as affording all our recruitment brands access to the Australian market. Additionally, having core offices in both London and Sydney will mean increased career opportunities for staff on both sides of the world."

"We are all now part of a global marketplace where organisations are fishing from a far more international talent pool. This acquisition not only gives us access to a key part of that talent pool but is a further step in our strategy of building a global capability to be able to better serve the needs of our clients and candidates."

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