

# Philip Harrison joins private client tax planning specialist, Meridian Private Client

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Private client tax planning specialist, Meridian Private Client, has added a new senior partner, Philip Harrison.

Formerly national head of business tax at Eversheds, Harrison specialises in tax planning for entrepreneurs and other high net worth individuals and has over 20 years' experience in this field.

Meridian's founding partner Drummond Kerr comments: "Getting Philip onboard is a very significant move for Meridian. Our clients need very high levels of technical expertise and I can't think of anyone else who is better suited to our business than Philip, with his experience in tax planning and dedication to client service."

Harrison says: "Meridian presents me with an exciting opportunity. The firm is well placed to expand as many more high net worth individuals are becoming aware of the need to plan in a tax efficient manner. I think this is demonstrated by the fact that the firm's income has increased by 37% in the year ended 30 September 2008 and we have plans to double the number of lawyers in the firm to twelve by 2012."

"But the key to our ongoing success is not just our technical ability. Most importantly our clients will be getting personal attention from highly experienced lawyers which means we are great value for money."

Harrison also has experience outside the legal profession. In 2000 he left Eversheds and joined the main board of Matrix Group Limited, a niche finance house, where as a director of the Matrix Tax division he developed sophisticated tax planning strategies for high net worth individuals and entrepreneurial companies.

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Note to editors:

Meridian is a West Midlands based specialist private client law firm. Much of its work centres on estate planning – arranging its clients' long-term financial affairs so as to benefit the people they wish to benefit, in a tax-efficient manner which maximises the value of tax reliefs and exemptions. This includes where appropriate the preparation of wills and the creation of trusts.

Other areas on which Meridian advises include:

- lifetime personal tax planning
- technical trust issues (private and commercial trusts)
- trust management
- administration of estates.

