

THE FRY GROUP ACQUIRES HORSHAM-BASED RIDGEFORD CONSULTANTS Sea transition planned for clients

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Retirement planning, tax and investment adviser The Fry GroupThe Fry Group (<http://www.thefrygroup.co.uk>), has announced the acquisition of Ridgeford Consultants in Horsham which brings a portfolio of 30 clients worth circa £12m.

Ridgeford Consultants is owned by Ian Williams, a Chartered Financial Planner with over 20 years' combined experience, who has reached the point of wanting to retire. Keen to pass the client portfolio onto a reputable company which would deliver an excellent and consistent service, Ian Williams selected The Fry Group as a natural successor.

Ian Williams comments: "We've obviously been aware of The Fry Group for a number of years and were delighted when they showed an interest in purchasing our client portfolio. Being a small business ourselves, our relationship with our clients has been paramount and we are determined that they continue to enjoy this personal level of service. The Fry Group's reputation precedes it and being based in Sussex, we are confident that our clients will enjoy a seamless transition, leaving us to enjoy our retirement knowing all is in safe and professional hands."

Ridgeford Consultants' clients are based in Sussex and will be looked after by the Worthing office of The Fry Group. A number of client meetings will be held jointly over the next few months with both The Fry Group and Mr Williams before he retires, to ensure a sensitive and gradual hand-over process.

Stephen Tucker, Chairman and Managing Director of The Fry Group, comments: "We acquired Ridgeford Consultants as its emphasis on personal service mirrors our own and we felt it was a good cultural fit. We look forward to meeting all of our new Ridgeford clients over the next few months and welcoming them into The Fry Group fold. We also wish Ian and his wife Doh a very happy and relaxed retirement"

Ridgeford Consultants clients will be contacted over the next few weeks for an introductory meeting with The Fry Group.

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Note to Editors:

About The Fry Group

The Fry Group provides financial advice in the UK and overseas, aiming to maximise the wealth of its

clients by offering advice on investments, retirement, tax and estate planning. The Fry Group's advisors are highly skilled and keep up-to-date with the very latest legislation regarding financial matters to ensure clients are aware of developments in the financial world and can adjust their planning accordingly. The company was founded in 1898 and is headquartered in Worthing, Sussex. Additional offices are located in London, Exeter, York, Cheltenham, Belgium, Cyprus, Hong Kong and Singapore. Further information can be found at www.thefrygroup.co.uk (<http://www.thefrygroup.co.uk>)

