

**Deloitte**

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**Deloitte Strengthens Property Tax Team**



Property tax specialist Matt Smith has joined Deloitte as director after 10 years with KPMG. Matt joins the tax depreciation team at the firm that already has one of the North's largest and fastest growing teams of tax professionals with over 100 specialists in the Leeds office alone.

Matt has worked across the North of England and Scotland for a number of years advising businesses about how to maximise tax reliefs following significant capital investment. Such capital expenditure is typically related to buildings and construction projects, or plant investment.

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“The demand for our property related expertise is increasing, and we are keen to bring more specialists to the firm to support the clients we advise,” said Stuart Cottee, the lead tax partner at Deloitte in Leeds and Newcastle.

“We have seen a huge increase in demand for corporate tax advice to assist businesses to reduce or defer outgoings as cash flow has slowed, and we will continue to recruit the best tax professionals we can find to help grow the team further,” he added.

Matt Smith commented; “Clients are looking to recover every possible penny of tax that they are entitled to in the current economic landscape, and tax reliefs for expenditure on property is playing an increasingly important part of this.”

Deloitte has built up one of the largest tax depreciation teams in the country comprising 50 experts at nine locations.

In March, Deloitte completed a merger with property consultancy Drivers Jonas, further strengthening its expertise in the property sector. The creation of Drivers Jonas Deloitte, which has offices in Leeds, provides an additional 700-strong specialist team to Deloitte’s real estate advisory business.

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### **Photography**

**Matt Smith 001.jpg:** Matt Smith (foreground) with (L to R) Paul Hindson, Ashley Austin, Max Hoffman, Rebecca Whitehead, Ian Stephenson and Stuart Cottee (background).