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Grant Thornton strengthens advisory team in the North East



Zara Lane has joined Grant Thornton's Yorkshire and North East advisory team as associate director based at the firm's offices in Grey Street, Newcastle upon Tyne.

A corporate finance specialist, Zara has established a strong track record in lead advisory in the North East market, working across a variety of sectors, and with a range of clients from SMEs and private equity houses to large corporates. After graduating from Newcastle University, Zara began her career in 2002, training with PwC in Newcastle and latterly working in its transaction services team. In 2006, Zara joined UNW's corporate finance team where she spent six years in lead advisory.

In her new role, Zara will be working within Grant Thornton's growing Yorkshire and North East advisory team, which has built a strong reputation in the region, led by partners Joe McLean and Ian Marwood. Zara will focus on developing further the firm's corporate finance offering.

Zara explains: "Grant Thornton has established one of the strongest advisory teams in the region encompassing a full range of specialists and ensuring that whatever stage in a business' lifecycle, we have the experts to help. As well as having a strong physical presence here in Newcastle, we can also offer, as part of a large global firm, the international expertise required by many businesses in the North East."

Joe McLean, partner in Grant Thornton's advisory team in Yorkshire and the North East, said, "With her deep understanding of the North East marketplace, we believe Zara will be a real asset to the advisory team, complementing our existing experts and enabling us to develop further our corporate finance offering."

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Picture shows (L to R): Joe McLean, Ian Marwood and Zara Lane of Grant Thornton

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