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Murray Harcourt

Murray Harcourt continues its significant investment strategy in top local talent



Well-known Yorkshire tax adviser, Neil Sengupta, and a number of his former colleagues have joined the rapidly growing tax practice at leading independent business advisory firm Murray Harcourt. Neil joins Murray Harcourt direct from Grant Thornton where he led that firm's local tax practice for the previous ten years.

With over 25 years' experience of providing tax advice to a wide range of clients, from large, listed corporates to owner managed businesses, Neil also has specialist experience of M&A transaction tax and has been involved in many high profile regional deals.

Neil is also joined at Murray Harcourt by former Grant Thornton tax colleagues: Joanne Powell, tax director; Emily Bartliff, senior tax manager; Adam Gough, tax manager; and recently Mike Crawley, senior tax manager. The recruitments build on the already well- established Murray Harcourt tax team that, as well as advising many regional businesses, acts as trusted adviser to a significant number of local and national high net worth individuals and families.

Established in 2012 by partners Richard Bright and Mark Hunter, Murray Harcourt has grown rapidly over the past five years and continues to attract top local talent to meet its strategic plans.

Richard Bright, managing partner of Murray Harcourt, explains: "This latest round of recruitment is great news for the continued growth of the firm and also for our clients. We pride ourselves on providing high quality, independent advice and outstanding service levels as well as delivering value. After just five



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years, we have already established ourselves as a leading independent firm and we continue to receive fantastic feedback from our clients who say that we are making a genuine difference to them.”

Neil Sengupta added: “I was inspired when I first met Richard and the rest of the partners, many of whom I have worked with previously in Big 4 firms. Their business philosophy is simple and client focussed, rather than looking inwards. It enables us to work directly with businesses, getting closer to our clients and being nimble enough to swiftly respond to their needs and to changing regulations. With businesses, particularly in the mid-market, actively looking for specialist tax advice and support services, we can work in partnership with clients to add real value.

“It’s really exciting to be part of a boutique firm which is genuinely committed to shaking up the market and providing a more proactive service for entrepreneurial businesses both in Yorkshire and nationally. I believe in Murray Harcourt’s vision to stand out from the crowd by consistently delivering first class client care and this is a great opportunity to bring the firm’s dynamic approach to tax services.”

Richard Bright concluded; “Neil and the team who have joined us are like-minded people who immediately understood our ethos and shared our desire to make a difference to dynamic businesses and their owners in the region and beyond. As a firm, we have some big ambitions and there’s no doubt that attracting and retaining the best people will be the key to us achieving them.”

With offices in Leeds, Harrogate and also London, the firm offers a full range of services including audit and assurance; tax compliance and planning; advisory and business services; and corporate finance.