

Award Winning Signature Team Joins R C Brown Investment Management

Bristol based discretionary investment firm, R C Brown Investment Management PLC (RCBIM) has recruited the award winning team that managed the 'Signature' investment proposition for Rowan Dartington. Andrew Morris, one of the founders of Rowan Dartington together with Senior Fund manager Joe Dyer, and colleagues Helen Parry and Claire Hudd have commenced employment. In due course they will be joined by senior employees, portfolio manager James Gardner and Head of Equity Research and co- founder of Rowan Dartington, Mark Sevier.

RCBIM, a long established investment manager, has extensive research capabilities and 'state of the art' systems that complement its reputation for excellence. The rapid growth of its private client offering over the last few years has been overseen by the arrival of Alan Beaney as Investment Director from Principal Investment Management (Sanlam Private Investors).

RCBIM has set up a separate division to support the new team whose offering will provide differentiated and independent investment solutions. Working with the financial adviser community clients will benefit from RCBIM's attractive cost structure, modern systems and access to institutional brokers. The new arrivals have a successful track record of working with financial advisers and their clients for over 20 years. They will continue to offer professionally administered, yet flexible, risk conscious bespoke investment propositions that draw on their expertise in areas including direct equities as well as collectives.

Commenting on the appointments, Bob Brown (RCBIM Chairman) said "we are delighted to have recruited such a high calibre team to join us. I have personally known some members of the team for 30 years and I was disappointed that when we approached them three years ago they decided to remain at Rowan Dartington. Their distinctive offering of proven investment performance and outstanding customer service is a valuable combination, which will complement our existing offering. We look forward to enhancing our reputation as a leading independent provider of discretionary investment services to financial advisers and their clients."

Andrew Morris commented "This represents an exciting opportunity not only for us, but our long-term investment partners. RCBIM provides us with an attractive home for our team - with experienced personnel supported by a leading IT infrastructure and a longstanding City reputation - a winning combination. We look forward to the future with every confidence and I strongly believe that our new home will provide an excellent base for our sound and personalised investment offering."

Further announcements will be made in due course.

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Notes for Editors:

R C Brown Investment Management PLC (RCBIM) was established in 1990. It is an employee controlled business offering discretionary investment services through its offices in Bristol & Caterham.

Historically, it has been a predominantly institutional investment manager with strong charity sector connections, but three years ago it launched a new private client service specifically to support Financial Advisers looking for an outsourced portfolio management solution.

Alan Beaney has over thirty years experience in the investment industry, having worked at Phillips and Drew, ICI Pension, Lloyds Investment Managers and Investec. Latterly he was Head of Investment for Principal Investment Management where he oversaw a rise in both profit and assets under management.

RCBIM has enjoyed excellent investment performance and has seen increasing support from Advisers across the UK.

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