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## Synova invests in Bishop Fleming

We are delighted to announce that <u>Synova</u> has agreed to make an investment, subject to regulatory approval, into <u>Bishop Fleming</u>, a leading provider of audit, tax, accountancy and advisory services, to support the next phase of its growth.

Founded in 1919, the business now serves over 10,000 clients across a range of sectors, with a particular focus on delivering recurring, compliance-driven, audit and tax services to businesses and public sector organisations with turnovers of £50-100m.

Bishop Fleming operates from 9 offices across the South-West of England and West Midlands and has delivered market leading organic growth of 18% per annum over the last 3 years.

The UK accountancy market remains highly fragmented and Bishop Fleming's technology platform and cultural differentiation place it in a unique position to consolidate the regional UK market. Synova will support Bishop Fleming's vision to become one of the leading national firms in the UK through strategic acquisitions; targeting geographic reach and service specialism.

Andrew Sandiford, CEO of Bishop Fleming, said: "We are delighted to select Synova as an investment partner to our business. We believe they deliver the best of both worlds. Uniquely enabling us to remain majority partner-owned and led, through a traditional partnership business model, but with the exciting backing of a minority investment that perfectly aligns and accelerates our business growth plans."

Oliver Bevan, Partner at Synova, commented: "Bishop Fleming has delivered impressive performance over recent years and has an exciting vision for its business. It has a strong heritage and a foundation for growth and now has a platform to scale up its business. Synova is delighted to partner with the Bishop Fleming team on this exciting new chapter in their growth journey."

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## NOTES:

- 1. **Synova** is recognised as one of Europe's most innovative growth investors, generating market-leading returns. Synova invests in companies valued between £20m and £250m in the UK, Ireland, and continental Europe.
- 2. Oliver Bevan and Mike Mullally led the transaction for Synova, supported by Harry Fitzpatrick and Sunil Jain. Oliver and Mike will join the Board of Bishop Fleming.
- 3. Synova was advised by Houlihan Lokey (Corporate Finance and Debt Advisory), 8Advisory (Financial DD and Tax DD) and Proskauer (Legals).

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