

Press Release

Financial services group, A J Bell, strengthens its board

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AJ Bell Holdings Ltd today announces the appointment of Les Platts as non-executive director and chairman of its audit and risk committee.

Les, age 54, retired in May this year as an audit partner and practice senior partner for the north east with international accounting firm Deloitte.

Les has worked in the UK audit practice of Deloitte since 1975 and has extensive UK and international experience across all industry sectors including FTSE 100, FTSE 250, smaller listed plcs, large private companies and private equity investments. He has led the provision of Deloitte services to those companies and advised at Board level on a wide range of financial and governance activities.

Financial services experience has been gained through leading Deloitte services to a range of stockbroker and investment management groups. He was responsible for forming and developing the firm's financial services practice across the north of England.

Chairman, Jim Martin says, "I am delighted that Les has accepted our invitation to join the Board. I am confident he will make a major contribution to our financial and strategic development, along with supporting the high standards of corporate governance that we have embedded into our business".

Andy Bell, Chief Executive and principal shareholder, says, "Now in our fourteenth year, A J Bell has grown to a level where we have over £8bn of client funds under administration and I still see many further exciting opportunities for us to explore. We look forward to driving A J Bell through its next phase of growth supported by Jim Martin's wide business experience, blended with the undoubted skills that Les will bring".

Les Platts says, "I am delighted to join the Board of A J Bell. The management team, their achievements and manner in which they manage the business have all impressed me. I look forward to contributing to the continued development and success of the group".

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