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WHITELAW TWINING, DWF GROUP TO JOIN FORCES TO DELIVER INTEGRATED CANADIAN LEGAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA – Whitelaw Twining today announced it has agreed to combine with DWF Group (LON:DWF), a publicly-traded, global provider of integrated legal and business services. The transaction will support the expansion of DWF’s Canadian presence.

“We are excited to be joining forces with the DWF Group, combining our respective legal advisory and Connected Services capabilities for the benefit of our clients,” said Dan Shugarman, Country Managing Partner of Whitelaw Twining. “Over the last 40 years, Whitelaw Twining has grown from a three-person practice in Vancouver to a diverse, full-service litigation law firm serving clients in 17 languages. This is the next step forward for our business, further strengthening our position in Canada and creating opportunities for our colleagues to support clients globally.”

Whitelaw Twining is a full-service litigation law firm specializing in insurance, commercial litigation, personal injury and dispute resolution with 16 partners and more than 200 employees in its Vancouver and Calgary offices, all of whom will be remaining with Whitelaw Twining. DWF Group is a global provider of integrated legal and business services. It operates directly or through association in 19 countries.

A partnership will be established in British Columbia to provide Legal Advisory and Connected Services through WT BCA LLP, operating as Whitelaw Twining, and DWF’s existing loss adjusting practice in Ontario. A relationship agreement will be entered into between DWF and Whitelaw Twining’s existing Alberta practice. The combination will provide Whitelaw Twining clients with the expertise they count on, supported by expanded capabilities including: AI assisted high-volume document review; enterprise-grade data network security; and integrated insurance claims management and adjusting.

Sir Nigel Knowles, Group CEO at DWF Group, said: “We are delighted to welcome Whitelaw Twining into the DWF Group. This represents a high-quality opportunity for our clients as DWF Group enters the Canadian legal market and builds on the synergies available through our existing Connected Services and Mindcrest capabilities in North America. We identified a strong cultural fit with the Whitelaw Twining management team and the values and ways of working within their business. Their emphasis on collaboration over competition and on creating a progressive, innovative, and supportive working environment reflect our own 'one team' culture.”

As a part of the transaction, a share program will be created to incentivize employees of Whitelaw Twining.



Dan Shugarman said, “As a part of the DWF Group we will extend the benefits of our future growth and success to all employees. Our clients will continue to receive independent advice and support from the same legal professionals they’ve come to trust, with deeper bench strength and capabilities behind us.”

The transaction is expected to close by the end of November, 2022.

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