

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Sothertons Melbourne merges with second tier chartered accounting firm Hall Chadwick**

Hall Chadwick Partner, Drew Townsend today announced the Melbourne based arm of Sothertons will join the Hall Chadwick Group, significantly bolstering the group's presence and extending their range of accounting specialty services in Melbourne.

The merger has come about from Hall Chadwick's desire to offer a greater range of accounting and advisory services in Melbourne. Mr Townsend said "the combined accounting and advisory service offerings will provide clients with broader access to multi-disciplined expertise across greater range of industries and sectors. In addition to accounting compliance services, the Sothertons Melbourne team brings specialists in forensic, tax advocacy, international business advisory, back office and superannuation services into the fold".

Sothertons Melbourne Director David Lissauer said "We have enjoyed a successful association with the National Sothertons Group for twelve years. The merger with Hall Chadwick moves our team into the second tier of chartered accounting firms and a shift from our St Kilda Road location into Melbourne CBD will allow us to be within closer proximity of our growing number of CBD based clients, other professional services providers and law courts.

"This is a very exciting event for both our firms, for our employees and our clients. Both teams have enjoyed significant growth in recent years and have a solid reputation for delivering accounting solutions to our clients. We will build on our combined expertise and deliver to the growing needs of our clients whether they be local, interstate or international".

Mr Townsend added "our leadership teams hold closely the values and service orientation of doing business well, having a personal approach and delivering a quality result to our clients on time. We also share an emphasis on honesty and integrity amongst our staff."

The combined team will come together in mid April in a new CBD location at Level 14, 440 Collins Street, Melbourne.

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