

Howden Strengthens its presence in Ireland with the acquisition of Martin & Garvan Insurances Ltd

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Howden, the global insurance intermediary group, today announced that it has acquired Garvan Family Holdings Limited and Martin and Garvan Insurances Limited, a well-established family-run brokerage based in upper Drumcondra, Dublin 9. This acquisition strengthens Howden's local presence in Dublin and aligns with its ambitious growth plans for Ireland.

Howden, one of Ireland's fastest-growing insurance brokers, has grown to nearly 500 employees across 25 local offices in Ireland since 2019 and looks to further accelerate its growth and enhance the services and advice it offers to clients across the country.

Martin and Garvan, a general insurance broker founded in 1979, provides advice on a wide range of products across Commercial and Personal insurance. This trusted family run business was originally established by Gerry Garvan. His son Shane joined the business in 2007 before taking over in 2017 as owner and director.

This acquisition not only enhances Howden's branch network but also reinforces its commitment to becoming the broker of choice across Ireland.

Robert Kennedy, CEO, Howden Ireland, said: "We are delighted to welcome Shane and the entire Martin & Garvan team to Howden. This acquisition allows us to grow our on the ground presence in Dublin, enhancing our ability to deliver personalised local service to clients. Their well-established reputation and community ties in Drumcondra and beyond, make them an ideal partner for us as we continue our mission to become the broker of choice across Ireland.

We look forward to working with Shane and his team to introduce and deliver comprehensive solutions and advice across commercial insurance, personal insurance, health insurance, life and pensions and mortgages to clients not only in Dublin 9 but the surrounding areas."

Robert Kennedy has built a strong relationship with Martin & Garvan's Managing Director ("MD"), Shane Garvan over the past few years which led to this opportunity.

Shane Garvan, Managing Director added: "Becoming part of Howden is very exciting for our employees and clients. Our success to date is due to our dedicated staff and our very loyal customer base. Howden's strength as a global group will enhance our ability to provide innovative insurance solutions and access expertise, data, and technology tailored to our evolving client needs. We are delighted to take this step with Howden to be part of its plan for growth."

Notes to editors

About Howden Ireland

Howden Ireland is part of Howden, the global insurance intermediary group, and has nearly 500 employees across 25 local offices advising clients on their commercial insurance, personal insurance, health insurance, life and pensions and mortgage requirements.

About Howden

Howden is a leading global insurance intermediary group with employee ownership at its heart. Founded in 1994, it provides insurance broking, reinsurance broking and underwriting services and solutions to clients ranging from individuals to the largest multinational companies.

The group operates in 55 countries across Europe, Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America, the USA, Australia and New Zealand, employing 18,000 people and handling \$38bn of premium on behalf of clients.

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