

Howden Ireland strengthens its position in North County Dublin with the acquisition of Alliance Insurance Brokers, Skerries

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Howden Ireland announced today that it has agreed to acquire Sterner Holdings Limited trading as Alliance Insurance Brokers, Skerries, Co. Dublin. This transaction is subject to regulatory approval.

Alliance Insurance Brokers was founded in 1997 and is a highly regarded insurance broker based in North County Dublin providing general insurance and life and pensions services to clients. It is owned by Brendan Pluck, Sean Dooley, and Valerie Deasy, Managing Director.



Pictured left to right: Robert Kennedy, CEO, Howden Ireland and Valerie Deasy, Managing Director, Sean Dooley and Brendan Pluck, Alliance Insurance Brokers.

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Valerie and the team in Skerries have strong long-standing relationships with their clients and insurers alike. They are highly regarded in the industry. For us, this acquisition anchors our foothold not only in North County Dublin but also in the North-East of the country,

positioning us as a key broker of choice in the region. Alliance operates with a high retention of very loyal clients, and they have continued to grow successfully over the years. We look forward to welcoming and working with Val and the Skerries team to extend our Insurance, Advisory, and Mortgage services to all clients in the area”.

Robert Kennedy
CEO of Howden Ireland

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The move to join Howden is big for us but it is right for our business, our people, and most importantly, our clients. Being part of a bigger business like Howden brings more opportunity but allows us to remain in our local office in Skerries. As part of Howden

we can offer more to our clients, we have access to additional expertise, systems, an extensive range of products, and access to markets outside of Ireland. Our dedication to our clients will remain unchanged and can only get better. We are excited to be part of Howden, and its plans for Ireland”.

Valerie Deasy
Managing Director of Alliance

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About Howden Ireland

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