



press release

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## **Sharemark's advisers' network goes from strength to strength**

- Sharemark welcomes Trowers & Hamblins LLP and DSH to its growing advisers' network
- Sharemark sees number of advisers in its network grow by almost 30% in the last 12 months
  - Continued growth can be attributed to expanding recognition of Sharemark

Sharemark, a leading alternative share-trading platform, today announced two new companies have joined its growing number of advisers: Trowers & Hamblins solicitors and DSH accountants.

The admission of these firms sees the numbers in the network increase by almost 30% in the last 12 months.

Sophie Douglas, manager of Sharemark, said: "The introduction of Trowers & Hamblins and DSH to the expanding advisers' network is testament to Sharemark's growing presence among professionals. We look forward to working with Trowers & Hamblins and DSH to assist companies in need of particular services such as dual trading or a bespoke secondary market."

Iain Wallace, managing director of Sharemark, said: "Sharemark welcomes both Trowers & Hamblins and DSH to the Sharemark advisers' network. We believe that the admission of these two well respected firms indicates an expanding recognition of the importance of Sharemark within the advisor community. This is borne out by the rapid growth we have seen in the network over the last 12 months."

Trowers & Hamblins is an city and international law firm with offices throughout the UK and Middle East. It was voted Law Firm of the Year 2007 by "The Lawyer". As well as advising on the full range of commercial legal services and as well as offering the full list of Legal Services it has also established a number of international arrangements to enable it to provide the best and fullest advice possible to its clients.

Charles Wilson at Trowers & Hamblins, said: "Trowers & Hamblins is delighted to join Sharemark's advisers' network and be available to provide legal advice to applicant and member companies. Trowers has extensive experience of advising small and mid cap listed and larger private companies for whom Sharemark is an excellent alternative or, for listed companies, an additional share trading facility."

DSH provides a wide range of accounting, audit and tax services to both business and personal clients. It has created an environment where traditional accountancy and taxation services exist side by side with sound business judgement.

Mark Cassidy of DSH commented: "DSH Chartered Accountants and Business Advisers is delighted to become involved with Sharemark. As advisers to small and medium sized enterprises, we appreciate how Sharemark offers those business owners and directors the opportunity to build their businesses and help realise their potential."

Sharemark believes the advisers' network will continue to attract new admissions as the advisory community looks for alternatives to the traditional trading facilities as Sharemark's presence grows.

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About Sharemark

Sharemark is a periodic auction-based dealing facility designed primarily for emerging or smaller companies. Its website [www.sharemark.com](http://www.sharemark.com) shows bids to buy and offers to sell. The price is set at each auction by calculating the single price at which as many orders as possible will be filled. Auction frequency is generally determined by the number of shareholders a company has and the likely trading volumes.

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About DSH

DSH provides a wide range of accounting, audit and tax services to both business and personal clients. As well as tax efficient planning and business development, DSH can help with payroll, IT and Independent Financial Advice through its associate company, DSH Financial Services Limited.