

APPOINTMENTS & UPDATES



L-R: Claer Lloyd-Jones, Mark Glover, Richard Bailey, Mark Watts, John Marston, Marston Group Advisory Board

Marston Group has announced the formation of an independent Advisory Board. Comprising highly experienced and well-known professionals across the fields of corporate governance, public affairs, politics, corporate finance, enforcement and law, the Advisory Board will provide independent and strategic advice to the executive team.

Advisory Board members include: Claer Lloyd-Jones, non-executive corporate governance director; Mark Glover, non-executive public affairs director; Richard Bailey, non-executive public sector advisory director; Mark Watts, non-executive corporate finance director; and John Marston OBE, non-executive Marston Group chairman.

Deputy chief executive Gareth Hughes said: "Constituting an Advisory Board is a substantive innovation that will provide invaluable support to the group during an important stage in its evolution. The board members each bring a high level of expertise and extensive experience in their respective fields. Their oversight and input is welcome, and it provides a high level of credibility to Marston's clients, customers, business partners and investors. Further strategic appointments will follow in due course."

Target Group has appointed Paul Rose as chief operating officer, delivery. He will be responsible for providing strategic direction and delivery of software solutions, project implementations and maintaining Target's service to its clients.

Managing director James Rudolf said: "With responsibility for software development, project delivery and IT across the group, Paul's extensive experience and track record will help to enhance our client experience and continue to drive new solutions to our markets."

Meanwhile, Target Group, has been listed in *The Telegraph 1,000: Britain's Brightest Businesses*.

The Sigma Financial Group has announced that funds managed by Cyrus Capital Partners have acquired a majority stake in the company and will make a substantial investment to enable Sigma to broaden and expand its business.

Tim Freeman, CEO of Sigma, said: "Cyrus Capital are willing to make a significant commitment to portfolio purchase as well as building operational excellence."

Aktiv Kapital ASA has appointed Geir Langfeldt Olsen as new chief executive officer of the company. Mr Olsen comes from Cisco Systems, where he was responsible for worldwide sales of video and telepresence.

"We are very pleased that Geir Langfeldt Olsen has accepted to join Aktiv Kapital – he is a strong leader with a proven track-record," said John Fredriksen on behalf of Geveran Trading, Aktiv Kapital's major shareholder.

Experian has been selected by Express Gifts to provide credit and behavioural scoring services to help the retailer improve customer management.

Nasser Malik, financial services director at Express Gifts, said: "Having worked with Experian before, we have every confidence that this new aspect of our relationship will enable us to continue developing highly effective decisions solutions that will yield benefits for the company and our clients for years to come."

Simon Jones, managing director of Fredrickson International, has become a Brighter Future Partner of the Duke of

Edinburgh's Award (DofE) with a pledge of £20,000.

Peter Westgarth, chief executive of the DofE, said: "We are trying to reach out and help as many young people as possible. We want to double the number of young people from all backgrounds doing their DofE, and we will only meet that target with the support of companies and individuals."

Chris Sherlock, director of Equifax Personal Solutions and head of its Marketing Services Division, has joined a team aiming to reach the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro.

He said: "I feel very passionate about the issues surrounding Alzheimer's and wanted to do something to raise funds towards the fantastic care and support provided by the Alzheimer's Society."

TDX has appointed Bob Tomkys as head of client relationship management for its liquidation business.

Chief executive officer Mark Sanders said: "I am delighted to welcome Bob on board. He brings with him a wealth of experience which is critical at a time