

Halo Group Acquires Leading Regulatory and Compliance Firm, The Fold Legal

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Halo Group Holdings Pty Ltd (Halo Group) is excited to announce that it has acquired leading regulatory advisory firm, The Fold Legal Pty Limited. Halo Group is the holding company of corporate law firm Hamilton Locke, outsourced company secretarial and governance business Emerson CoSec, outsourced legal counsel and HR services business, Source, and leading trade mark registration business, MacMillan Trade Marks.

The Fold Legal is a specialist industry-focused firm, providing regulatory, corporate and commercial advice to financial services and credit businesses nationally. Their unique offering combines deep industry knowledge with a commercial approach, supporting clients with strategic business decisions as well as their legal needs. The Fold Legal is ranked in both the 2021 Chambers Asia-Pacific Guide (Financial Services Regulatory) and Chambers Global FinTech Guide, and is a 2021 Client Choice Awards winner. The Fold Legal strategically enhances Halo Group's focus on evolving the professional legal and essential business services landscape.

Halo group is also excited to congratulate The Fold Legal on winning the Boutique Firm of the Year in the Australasian Law Awards, announced today. This award recognises excellence in client service and specialist expertise.

The Fold Legal will join Halo Group from 1 July 2021.

Nick Humphrey, Chairman of Halo Group said: "We are delighted for The Fold Legal to join our expanding group of professional services businesses. The Fold Legal's business is strategically aligned with our business, and extends our existing service offerings, while continuing our group's focus on empowering exceptional people to deliver essential corporate services to clients. We are excited to welcome The Fold Legal's people into our group".

Claire Wivell Plater, Chairman of The Fold Legal said: "Halo Group's people-first culture and commitment to excellence aligns perfectly with our core values and will enhance our ability to attract and retain great staff to support our plans for growth. We are excited by the opportunity to offer a broader range of professional services to our clients and to collaborate with Halo's skilled professionals on the large and complex transactions for which we are increasingly engaged".

Halo Group has continued to grow its existing businesses with total staff numbers across Halo Group now 131, including The Fold Legal. Hamilton Locke recently announced the appointment of a team of technology specialists to its Melbourne office, including partner Alex Ninis and two associates joining from DWF. Emerson CoSec continues to service its clients with team members based in Sydney and Melbourne, while Source has maintained its strong growth profile since Halo Group's investment in July 2020, growing its headcount to 20 legal and HR professionals. MacMillan Trade Marks continues to service its clients, both here in Australia and around the world.