

People in the news: Knill James, Saffery Champness, GovGrant

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In this week's accountancy career moves, partner promotions at Knill James, chairman re-elected at Saffery Champness, senior tax manager at GovGrant, and directors named at Haysmacintyre

Accountancy firm, **Knill James**, has promoted **Mike Chapman** to partner and appointed **Dan Daly** as director. Chapman joined from Mazars where he worked as a senior manager. Daly was previously at Kreston Reeves as a business advisory manager.

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Saffery Champness has re-elected **James Sykes** as chairman of the firm. Sykes's first term began in November 2016 and he now begins a second four-year term.

GovGrant, the R&D and IP specialist, has appointed **Stephanie Taylor** as senior tax manager in the technical team. Before joining the firm, Taylor was a senior tax manager at Whitbread.

Haysmacintyre has promoted **Brendan O'Connor** and **Karen Allen** as directors in the pensions and financial services teams, respectively. Previously, O'Connor worked as a senior manager at PKF, and Allen was treasurer at East London Hockey Club.

BDO has appointed **Richard Austin** as national head of manufacturing and remains head of corporate advisory services. Austin takes over from Tom Lawton who is stepping down after 13 years in the role ahead of his retirement in December.

Deloitte has appointed **Andy Masters** as UK head of insurance. Masters is a strategy consulting partner at the firm. Prior to joining Deloitte, he was a consulting partner at KPMG.

Theta Global Advisors has appointed **Patrick Hopkins** as associate director to lead their systems implementation practice. Previously Hopkins worked as a cloud ERP architect and director at Delphic.

HLB, the global advisory and accounting network, has hired **Marina Kooijmans** as global chief people officer (CPO). Before joining HLB, Kooijmans was partner at MD&D Concepts, a professional training company.