

ARC Group (“ARC”) completes MBO.

ARC today announced the completion of a restructuring plan that results in parent company ARC Group being majority owned by employees, with the largest ordinary shareholder being an employee benefit trust. Arthur Labatt, the Canadian businessman who invested in ARC in 2014, remains a minority ordinary shareholder providing welcome continuity.

Graham Harrison, ARC Group MD commented that “it is a fantastic result to be able to reorganise ARC to achieve broad equity ownership by senior management. The involvement of Arthur Labatt a few years ago has allowed ARC to expand its operations internationally and to invest in ongoing software development. His support has allowed us to establish a firm foundation for future expansion”.

Arthur Labatt added that “during my period of involvement I became convinced that ARC’s businesses and its standards of service to its clients would be considerably enhanced if there were substantial employee ownership. With a solid financial base and sustainable revenue growth across multiple jurisdictions, the time is now right for the broad enfranchisement of senior management to provide stability and security for both ARC employees and ARC clients.”

“ARC believes that independent thinking follows directly from independent ownership. And independent thinking underpins ARC’s culture of driving innovation to power insight for the benefit of their clients. This capital restructuring ensures that ARC can attract and retain the best investment talent and continue to provide its clients with innovative investment insight over the long term.”

Notes to Editor

ARC Group is an independent, privately-owned business with operations in Guernsey, Jersey and the UK. Founded in 1995 and now employing circa 60 staff, ARC provides investment advice to over 100 wealthy families with combined assets in excess of US\$15bn. As architects of the ARC Private Client Indices and ARC Charity Indices, ARC has an unrivalled insight into the real performance being delivered by the discretionary investment management industry, which investment managers are delivering value for money on behalf of their clients and why.

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