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Close Invoice Finance Announces New Senior Appointment To Its North West Sales Team

Close Invoice Finance, part of the FTSE 250 merchant banking group Close Brothers Group plc, has strengthened its Northern sales team with the appointment of Paul Aspray as Regional Sales Director.

Paul joins the growing business development team based at Close's Stockport offices after gaining 14 years sales experience working within the corporate banking sector including six years as Associate Director of Corporate Development at Royal Bank of Scotland. In his new role, Paul will be responsible for generating new business across Close's North West region.

Paul commented: "I am delighted to be joining Close, the market leading invoice finance specialist at such an exciting point in the industry's development. Invoice finance has never been more relevant as an alternative way for SMEs to secure cash flow and growth finance. The company has an enviable reputation for product innovation and customer service - I look forward to being part of its ongoing success." ►

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Close Invoice Finance

David Thomson, Chief Executive Officer of Close Invoice Finance added: "We are delighted to welcome Paul to our team. He brings a wealth of corporate finance experience. Paul's ambition and in depth sector knowledge will make him a real asset to our business."

Paul joins Close Invoice Finance from HBoS Corporate Banking where he was Director of Corporate Development.

For further information on Close Invoice Finance and our portfolio of products, contact us on 0800 220 257 or info@closeinvoice.co.uk. ●

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