



Allied Irish Bank (GB) continues strong growth in Leeds with new Relationship Manager to run Business Centre

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Allied Irish Bank (GB) is delighted to announce the appointment of Mark Billington to run its Leeds Business Centre. Mark brings a wealth of experience from a long and successful career in the banking sector, and his appointment marks the culmination of a strong year for AIB (GB)'s business in the region.

During a career that spans over 20 years, Mark has built a unique understanding of the local area in leadership roles across Yorkshire. Most recently, he served as the Director of Corporate Banking, West Yorkshire for the Royal Bank of Scotland. Mark will be working alongside Tony Kelly, the recently appointed Regional Director for the North of England.

The appointment follows AIB (GB)'s best quarter of the year as they announced a 72% rise in lending for Q3 2015 compared to Q3 2014. The total of new business lending in Q3 2015 was £411 million, compared to £239m in Q3 2014. New business lending was also up for the first three quarters of the year to £1.179 billion, compared to £737m for the same period in 2014.

Mark Billington: Head of Leeds Business Centre & Relationship Manager:

"I'm delighted to be joining the AIB (GB) team in Leeds as they look to build on a fantastic 2015. I joined AIB (GB) because their people have a single minded approach to helping businesses and I look forward to spending much more time with the Leeds business community."

Tony Kelly: Regional Director, North of England:

"Mark's appointment is great news for the business, and an indicator of the strength of our Leeds Business Centre. As a specialist business bank, our emphasis on customer service and building authentic relationships is exactly what the region needs to stimulate growth. Mark has embodied these values throughout his career and I look forward to working with him in 2016."

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About Allied Irish Bank (GB)

Allied Irish Bank (GB) is a specialist business bank serving the needs of Owner Managed Businesses.

Operating from 16 locations in major business centres across Great Britain and employing over 600 staff, we offer Owner Managed Businesses the full range of business banking, corporate banking, international trade services and personal banking.

Allied Irish Bank (GB) has been supporting businesses in Britain with true relationship driven service for over 40 years. During this time, we have grown organically with more than half of our new business coming from existing customers recommending our service to other Owner Managers.

We provide real value to each and every one of our Owner Manager customers and deliver to them the highest standard of service in banking and financial services. We are proud that Allied Irish Bank (GB) was awarded 'Best Service from a Business Bank' at Business Moneyfacts Awards in both 2014 and 2015.

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