

J.S. Held expands Global Investigations Practice with the acquisition of GPW Group

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J.S. Held, a specialised, global consulting firm, announced today that it has acquired GPW Group, a leader in complex global disputes and investigations, asset tracing, sovereign debt advisory, business intelligence, and political risk. Headquartered in London, with offices in Dubai and Singapore, this acquisition furthers the strategic growth of J.S. Held's Global Investigations Practice.

Established in 2004, GPW is led by intelligence and disputes professionals with extensive industry experience advising multinationals, financial institutions, law firms, investors, and sovereign and governmental organisations. Leveraging the strength of their experienced and diverse professional roster, including some of the foremost women experts in the investigations and risk sector on its executive and partner teams, GPW has addressed some of the world's most complex and high-profile global mandates.

"GPW is a market leader in providing intelligence to drive sound business decisions and help resolve commercial disputes," said Max Flynn, Co-Leader of J.S. Held's Financial Investigations Division. "The addition of the GPW team brings over 20 of the industry's leading intelligence and disputes experts into our Global Investigations Practice and bolsters our presence in Europe, Asia Pacific, and the Middle East."

GPW advises clients on a wide spectrum of issues – ranging from political risk and government relations, transaction and deal due diligence, litigation support, dispute resolution, and asset tracing. Its senior staff has acted as expert witnesses and provided affidavits in disputes worldwide.

The firm's experts are regularly featured in the media including The Financial Times, BBC, CNN, Bloomberg, and Reuters – from topics as diverse as Russia sanctions, asset tracing, and the United States' elections.

"Since inception, GPW has delivered market-leading intelligence and investigations services to our clients. By joining forces with J.S. Held's team of more than 1,500 professionals in over 100 offices worldwide, we gain access to new resources and experts that complement our team and core services," said Peter Pender-Cudlip, Partner and Co-Founder of GPW. "The combination strengthens our ability to provide clients with the specialised expertise they require across the globe."

GPW clients will now have access to J.S. Held's specialised services, including forensic accounting; global investigations; economic damages and valuation services; restructuring, turnaround, and receivership; forensic architecture and engineering; property and infrastructure damage consulting; construction advisory services; surety services; equipment consulting; intellectual property strategy, valuation, and dispute services; and environmental, health, and safety services.

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