

DXS WINS DEAL OF THE YEAR AWARD



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NVM has lifted the coveted **BVCA/Real Deals Deal of the Year Award 2010** for its investment in Manchester-based companion diagnostics company DxS. Between 2001 and 2006 NVM led a series of funding rounds which enabled DxS to grow from a small business with two founders to an 80-strong team of scientists, researchers and developers. The company has been at the centre of creating a UK Centre of Excellence in the North and has made a significant contribution to science graduate recruitment within the UK.

DxS represents NVM's second overall success in the BVCA-sponsored annual deal awards in the past 20 years – an outstanding achievement for NVM given the number and variety of investments made by the UK's private equity industry every year. In 1991 the top accolade went to Vassallo Seafoods, a Newcastle-based supplier of fresh fish to major supermarket chains which NVM backed with growth funding in 1987.



Tim Levett (NVM) and Steve Little (DxS) accepting the award

Tim Levett, who was responsible for initiating the investments in DxS and Vassallo Seafoods, commented: *“NVM has backed some exciting companies over the past 25 years. DxS in particular has been an outstanding example of how long-term investment support and a shared vision with management can help drive a small business to remarkable heights.”*

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