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### **NVM'S RICHARD GIBSON NAMED VENTURE CAPITALIST OF THE YEAR**

Richard Gibson, who manages NVM Private Equity Limited's investments in the South of England, has been awarded Venture Capitalist of the Year at The Business Magazine Thames Valley Deals Awards 2008.

The prestigious gong was presented to Richard at the annual event held on 11 September at the Madejski Stadium in Reading. Richard, who took over the Thames Valley patch at NVM in January 2007, was among 359 nominees up for 10 different awards designed to recognise and reward the best of the corporate finance industry in the region.

The award comes hot on the heels of Richard's completion of the MBO of Axial Systems Limited. The £5.6 million investment in the Maidenhead-based company signalled Richard's commitment to executing deals in the region.

Richard, who is based in NVM's Reading office, comments: "The past 20 months have been very interesting re-establishing myself in the corporate finance market in the South of England. NVM has had a strong presence in the Thames Valley since 2001 and I have greatly enjoyed growing that presence through building strong relationships across the business community. This award is testament to NVM's commitment to the region and the quality businesses in the area that provide attractive private equity investment opportunities."

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