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### **NVM'S INVESTMENT TEAM STRENGTHENED BY NEW APPOINTMENT**

NVM Private Equity (NVM) announces the appointment of Clive Austin as part of its expanding investment team. In his new role Clive will be covering the North West patch, returning to the region having previously spent six years in Manchester.

Clive joins NVM from Catapult Venture Managers where he established its Birmingham office. At Catapult he led an investment team focusing on private equity investments in the sub £2m range. Prior to that he was a Director at 3i and worked in Birmingham, Dublin and Manchester. He was responsible for leading deals such as Telecity plc and the recent exit of Bettercare Group.

Commenting on Clive's appointment, Tim Levett, Investment Director at NVM, said: "We are delighted to welcome Clive to the NVM team. Clive's considerable knowledge and experience of the private equity industry will bring significant strengths to our team."

Clive comments: "I am pleased to be joining NVM Private Equity with the mandate to cover the North West. After some years away from the area I am delighted to be returning and look forward to catching up with old friends. I believe the Manchester private equity market presents an exciting opportunity at the £1m - £10m level where NVM specialise. I hope to be able to leverage

NVM's existing track record in other regions to establish a strong presence for us here in the North West."

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