

Media statement
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Hacketts joins the Lawler Alliance to secure eastern seaboard

The Lawler Alliance, a group of like-minded independent chartered accounting firms today announced that Hacketts Chartered Accountants has joined the alliance.

Queensland-based Hacketts, with offices in Brisbane and Rockhampton joins Lawler Alliance members Lawler Partners and Lawler Draper Dillon - who have offices in Newcastle, Sydney and Melbourne.

Lawler Chairman, Terry Lawler, said that this represented an important milestone in the alliance's dedication to offer a superior value and service range to their clients and the middle market.

"We are committed to providing innovative advice and assisting in value creation for organisations striving for success. Size means nothing unless it delivers real results for our clients. The alliance is not about building a national presence to be "an alternative to other accounting brands", it is about like-minded firms actively working together to provide superior service to the middle market. We have all developed and grown our own firms and therefore share the culture and experience of this sector.

"We have been on a mission for the past *nine* months or so to find a high calibre group in Queensland to join our alliance. Hacketts is a highly respected firm led by outstanding professionals in the fields of audit and assurance, taxation and business advisory, corporate advisory and wealth management.

The alliance now offers the combined skills, knowledge and expertise to clients of these three independent firms in NSW, Victoria and Queensland. We are seeking representation in the other states and territories by firms that share our culture, commitment and client focus," Mr Lawler said.

Hacketts Partner, Tom Hackett, said that the alliance impressed him with its energy and commitment to quality and offered Hacketts the best of both worlds.

"As a professional services firm our focus is on helping our clients achieve their goals and objectives. The Lawler Alliance provides Hacketts with an expanded network of professionals with the same values and commitment to personalised client service and a structure where we remain an independently-owned and managed partnership," Mr Hackett said.

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