

***aquilaheywood* WINS 'PENSIONS ADMINISTRATION SYSTEMS PROVIDER OF THE YEAR 2007'**

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aquilaheywood, a leading supplier of software solutions, has been voted the Pensions Administration Systems Provider of the Year at the Professional Pensions UK Pensions Awards 2007, the second year in a row that the Group has been recognised for its excellence in software provision. The title was awarded to *aquilaheywood* by a panel of judges made up of professionals from across the occupational pensions industry. The award recognises *aquilaheywood's* exceptional level of service to its clients and the Group's continuous and ongoing improvement.

Commenting on this achievement, David Ackroyd, Chief Executive, said:

"We are delighted to win such recognition for the second year in a row. This award highlights our commitment to providing quality solutions and service. It also reflects the strength of our position across all our markets and our consistent growth. This award is particularly satisfying in a year where we have launched a major new product, *altair*, added major enhancements to *administrator* and won a number of significant new clients in both the corporate market and central Government. We look forward to continuing to build on our success in the future as we work with our clients to help them deliver a consistently high level of service to their members."

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aquilaheywood, the Group comprising *aquila* and *heywood*, is the leading supplier of pensions administration software solutions in the UK. The pension schemes for nearly 7 million members in more than 200 major organisations are run using the Group's three administration software solutions, *administrator*, *AXISe* and *altair*. These solutions cover the whole range of available schemes including DB, DC, hybrid, career average, cash balance and stakeholder, as well as group and individual products such as SIPPs, income drawdown and flexible retirement.

The Group provides solutions to the Financial Services, Third Party Administration, Corporate and Public Sector pension scheme markets in the UK, Ireland and the rest of Europe. Its clients include Prudential, Norwich Union, BBC, Asda, BP, Diageo, the European Central Bank, Aon Consulting, JLT and most local authority schemes.

administrator is *aquila's* functionally rich, pension administration software solution, which addresses the core administration, investment and communication requirements of all significant pension benefit and plan types. Its modern architecture offers a cost effective and low risk solution with proven capability and quality of delivery. *administrator's* Out Of The Box and Web Enabler components enable rapid deployment of transactional web access to individual members through a self-service model.

altair is *heywood's* next generation pensions software solution, which is fully browser-based with advanced web capabilities and takes full advantage of modern technology.

For those clients who wish to out-source their pensions IT function, all our solutions can be offered via a fully hosted or ASP service. To ensure a low risk implementation, the Group provides experienced consultancy services for business management comprising project management, process engineering, data migration, management information and system integration.