

## Press release

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### Talbot and Muir to acquire SIPP and SSAS administration business from Attivo Group

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**Talbot and Muir, the independent self invested personal pension (SIPP) and small self administered scheme (SSAS) specialist, has continued its growth strategy with the acquisition of the SIPP and SSAS administration business of Attivo Group, for an undisclosed amount.**

Talbot and Muir will take over the duties and responsibilities relating to SIPP and SSAS administration previously assumed by Attivo Financial Services Limited, at the end of August. The acquisition will add approximately 1070 SIPPs and 14 SSASs to the existing book and takes TM's assets under administration up to £1.8Bn.

Graham Muir, Director, Talbot and Muir, said: "The acquisition of the SIPP and SSAS administration business of Attivo Group is an important part of our growth strategy. We are focused not only on acquisitions but strong organic growth. Attivo Group have a well-managed book which is not only a good fit with our business, but will also provide a significant boost to our scheme numbers and financial strength. As well as maintaining a strong strategic partnership with Attivo Group going forwards we remain acquisitive and further deals are being considered."

Stephen Harper, Chief Executive, Attivo Group said: "Our focus is to build on and expand our Chartered, Independent financial planning business, and it became clear that our SIPP and SSAS clients were better served by a company with a specialist focus on pensions administration. It was important that we found a firm that had high levels of customer service, pensions expertise and that are committed to the market. A rigorous due diligence process took place and it was clear that Talbot and Muir were able to ensure top quality administration for our clients. We look forward to working with Talbot and Muir to build our relationship with one of the key SIPP and SSAS providers in the market."

For further information on Talbot and Muir please visit the website at <http://www.talbotmuir.co.uk>

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### **About Talbot and Muir**

Formed in 1993 initially as a specialist SSAS provider, Talbot and Muir are a high quality independent provider of SIPP and SSAS products distributed via Financial Advisers. Talbot and Muir entered the SIPP market in 2000 in response to a growing need for tailored solutions for their clients who wanted something other than “insurance company mentality”. The aim is to provide a personal and professional service to all advisers and their clients, with access to all levels in the business from named administrators to the principals of the company.

### **About Attivo Group**

Founded in 1998 by Stephen Harper, Chief Executive, Attivo Group has several subsidiary businesses specialising in investment, pensions, wealth management, and all aspects of professional financial advice.

The group has 85 employees, with its head office based in Cheltenham and a central London office in St James Square.