
A Hat-trick of FT Awards for *aquilaheywood*: Pensions Systems Provider of the Year 2011

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***aquilaheywood*, the leading supplier of life and pensions administration software solutions in the UK has been voted Pensions Systems Provider of the Year 2011. The awards recognise providers who have delivered excellent service to UK pension schemes over the previous year and are judged by a panel of industry experts.**

The awards are evaluated against four key criteria: performance, innovation, service standards and competitive edge. The award acknowledges *aquilaheywood's* continued ability to deliver, innovative, high quality software solutions in a challenging market, and is the third time *aquilaheywood* has been recognised in this category.

David Ackroyd, Chief Executive of *aquilaheywood* commented:

“This is a very exciting time for the pensions market and *aquilaheywood* is keenly focused on maintaining its leading role as supplier of the best technology solutions, that address both new opportunities and the real cost challenges faced by pension providers.”

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aquilaheywood, the Group comprising *aquila* and *heywood*, is the leading supplier of life and pensions administration software solutions in the UK. The Group's three software solutions, *administrator*, *AXISe* and *altair* are used to administer the records of nearly ten million individuals across 200 major organisations. These solutions cover the whole range of pension schemes including DB, DC, hybrid, career average, cash balance and stakeholder, as well as a full range of other group and individual products including Group Risk, individual protection, (G)SIPPs and Wraps, income drawdown and annuities.

The Group provides solutions across a diverse range of markets including Financial Services, Third Party Administration, and Corporate/Public Sector pension schemes in the UK, Ireland and the rest of Europe. Its clients include Aviva, AEGON, Aon Hewitt, Asda, BBC, BP, Diageo, Fidelity, the European Central Bank, Irish Life, Scottish Widows and most UK local authorities.