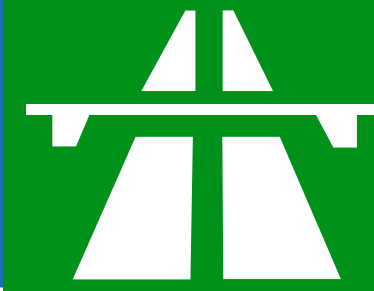


OCTOBER MFORUM NEWS



Dear Mforum members

Welcome to the **October** edition of MForum News 2009.

Our next networking event will be held on the 15th October from 6.00pm at The Slug & Lettuce in Bath and is kindly being sponsored by Osborne Clarke. We hope you can join us.

If you would like to book your place for this years Christmas lunch, which is being held on 10th December at Cumberwell Park Golf Club in Bradford on Avon, please complete the attached booking form and return to me by Wednesday 2nd December 2009.

If you are interested in being a sponsor for one our networking events in 2010, please contact me for details.

And finally, if you have any articles you would like included in the November newsletter, please email them to me by the end of October.

Kind regards,

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Forthcoming Networking Events in 2009

Date	Sponsored by	Venue	Time
15th Oct	Osborne Clarke	The Slug & Lettuce, Bath	6.00pm
19th Nov	Barclays	The Spot, Swindon	6.00pm
10th Dec	Monahans	Cumberwell Park	12.00noon

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"Osborne Clarke's 11-partner team has 'depth and breadth of service that is unparalleled' and provides 'impressive response times and good client care'".

The Legal 500, 2008

Cosmetics Packaging Distributor acquires Share Capital

Roy Butler, head of Corporate & Commercial at Stone King Sewell LLP, recently advised Quadpack Spain SL in relation to the acquisition of the share capital of Quadpack UK Ltd, an independent company with which it had been collaborating for many years, and new agency arrangements. The Quadpack group, which includes a company in France, is a leader in the manufacturing and distribution of packaging for the cosmetics and beauty market. David Palmer, who led the transaction on behalf of Quadpack Spain SL, thanked Roy for his “**excellent work in concluding the deal highly efficiently, quickly and with the minimum of fuss**”.



Local Firm Sold

Fluidlink Hydraulics Ltd, based in Calne, has just been sold to a private individual who intends to continue operating it as a going concern.

Employing 25 people, the firm manufactures power packs for hydraulic motors which are incorporated into a wide range of equipment including lifting devices, floodlight units for motorway road works, tipping units on trailers and the mechanism that allows buses to drop down to pavement levels for easy access.

The Corporate Finance team from Monahans Chartered Accountants was instrumental in the introduction of the Purchaser in what is a difficult time for selling businesses.

Graham Ikin the previous owner is delighted with the outcome “Finding the right buyer who could raise the funds to purchase the business has proven difficult in the current economic climate. However Monahans Corporate Finance team were able to find the right person at the right time.”

Peter Lugg, the partner at Monahans involved in this deal says “We are really pleased that we have been able to help Graham achieve his retirement goals and that this great business has such a positive future under the new owner”

Final Part of Coopers Chain Sold

The Coopers Local store in Weston, Bath, which employs 25 people has just been sold to Goss Brothers who are based in Plymouth.

This is the final store in the Coopers chain of supermarkets and convenience stores to be sold in recent months. Local chartered accountants, Monahans, have helped David Cooper to plan the sale of these stores, find buyers and have advised him throughout the complete sale process.

Goss Brothers who run a chain of convenience stores across the south west also purchased the Coopers Local store in Bristol and the flagship supermarket in Westbury, which employs 75 people, was recently sold to Morrisons.

David Cooper, the architect of this successful business, is delighted with the outcome. **“In the current economic climate it is exceedingly difficult to sell any business and particularly within the retail sector. The Corporate Finance team at Monahans were instrumental in marketing the business and finding buyers. The new owners are committed to developing the various stores, securing the future for the workforce and providing precisely what the local communities want from a local shop.”**

Peter Lugg, who heads up Monahans Corporate Finance team commented **“This was a particularly satisfying business sale to be involved with due to the many challenges we had to overcome. We wish the new owners well and hope David can enjoy his well deserved retirement.”**



Book Your Place for the 2009 MForum Christmas Lunch



Venue: **Cumberwell Park, Bradford on Avon, BA15 2PQ** Date: **Thursday 10th December 2009** Time: **12.30pm**

If you would like to attend the 2009 Christmas lunch, please complete the form below indicating your choices of starter, main course and dessert. Please send the completed form, with a cheque for £23 per person (or £25 if you have chosen Sirloin of Beef for your main course) made payable to Monahans, to the following address: **Clare Way, Monahans, Clarks Mill, Stallard Street, Trowbridge, Wiltshire. BA14 8HH.**

Name: _____

Company: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Starter

- Parsnip and Apple Soup (V)
- Smoked Chicken, Apricot and Parma Ham Roulade with Dressed Leaves
- Citrus and Juniper Home Cured Salmon with a Horseradish and Dill Crème Fraiche
- Red Pepper and Coriander Hummus with Crispy Ciabatta, Sunblushed Tomato Salad (VG)

Main Course

- Roast Breast of Free Range Turkey with Sage, Onion and Chestnut Stuffing, Chipolata, Roast Potatoes and Gravy (GN)
- Braised Belly Pork with Creamed Potatoes and a Rich Jus
- Roast Sirloin of Beef with a Potato and Celeriac Cake with a Red Wine Sauce
- Pan-Fried Fillet of Sea Bass with Saffron Crushed Potatoes and a Rosemary Cream Sauce
- Roquefort, Leek and Pinenut with Dressed Mixed Leaves (VNG)

Dessert

- Christmas Pudding with Brandy Butter
- White Chocolate and Cranberry Meringue Roulade
- Plum and Almond Tart with Crème Anglaise (NG)
- Selection of Cheese and Biscuits (G)

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G = Contains Gluten

N = Contains Nuts

V = Vege-