

Press release

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Subject	Channel Island technology business C5 Alliance purchases ALX Training

<u>BDO in Jersey</u>, together with their technology business, <u>C5 Alliance Group</u>, are pleased to announce the acquisition of the training company, <u>ALX Training</u>.

The acquisition adds to C5's strong existing portfolio of IT client services, with ALX Training's expertise in delivering technology-focused workplace skills, including software and application learning. It will also enhance C5's offering to clients, providing a complete end-to-end solution: working together, ALX will provide training solutions to support the new technologies C5 has implemented for clients.

The purchase follows the successful acquisition of C5 by BDO in Jersey earlier this year, with the unified firm providing strategy, consulting, digital, technology and managed services.

ALX Training employs 6 staff and was founded in 2009 by Jersey-based Alex Morel, who is a qualified Microsoft Office Specialist Master Instructor and Microsoft Certified Trainer, with 20 years of teaching experience. In 2016, Alex won the IoD Director of the Year for a Small Business.

Rob Leader, Group Managing Director of C5, comments:

"C5 has worked with Alex and the team at ALX Training for a number of years and this formalises an already strong partnership. We have seen a growing requirement to train users on the projects and solutions that we implement - and this acquisition will allow us to do just that. Adding a training arm to our growing business is a strategic decision to help us continue to provide seamless solutions for our clients; a fully integrated training function provides our staff and any potential new hires with a number of opportunities."

Alex Morel, Managing Director and founder of ALX Training, says:

"We are two very complementary businesses. It is becoming more apparent that technology used in the right way helps drive business productivity and we are focused on helping businesses and their workforces use software more efficiently to meet this need. This acquisition will allow ALX to widen our remit and offer training across an increased number of vendor learning solutions. We share C5's client-focused vision and adding our skilled team to their dynamic business will ultimately make the user-adoption process for all clients an even greater success."

To date ALX Training has delivered lessons across the Channel Islands, Gibraltar, the Isle of Man, the Cayman Islands, British Virgin Islands, South Africa, Mauritius, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and the UK.

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