

Transparency Report 2018

This report by Scott-Moncrieff has been prepared to meet the requirements of the Statutory Auditors (Transparency) Instrument 2008 for the year ended 30 April 2018.

Introduction

Our Transparency Report will provide you with a straight-forward and open view of what we do, why we do it, how we work and how we develop our people. It underpins the values of our firm and our efforts to sustain our clients, stakeholders and the wider marketplace's trust and continued confidence in Scott-Moncrieff.

We are committed to: conducting our work in an honest, objective and responsible fashion; delivering high quality advice and services to our clients and their stakeholders; and to contribute to the ongoing development of our profession, technical standards and our clients' economic success.

Our robust policies, governance, management and ethical guidelines are complemented by effective quality controls, an ongoing programme of review and risk monitoring and the quality of our partners and staff.

Our people are the foundation of our business reputation. We do not take for granted the trust placed in Scott-Moncrieff by our clients and their stakeholders and we make every effort to ensure that trust in our firm is maintained.

The responsibility for sustaining this trust rests with every individual in our firm and we are committed to continuing to invest in an environment which contributes to our partners' and staff's ongoing development, and independent appraisal, in terms of their technical excellence, professional acumen and their ability to make a difference to their own careers and to the sustainable success of our firm and our clients' businesses and organisations.

All of this runs in parallel with our strategic plan which is based on being trusted and respected throughout the Scottish business community; with a reputation for being entrepreneurial and forward thinking. We want to be recognised for adding real commercial value through the delivery of straight-forward and relevant solutions which recognise and understand our clients' ambitions – in other words, by helping our clients to serve their clients and stakeholders better.

Legal structure and ownership

Scott-Moncrieff ("the Firm") is a Scottish partnership, wholly owned by its partners. At the date of this report, there were 17 partners in the firm.

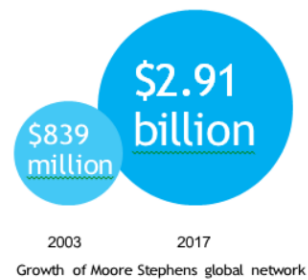
Our principal services are Audit & Assurance, Business Advisory, Tax, Corporate Finance, Corporate Recovery and Business Technology & Consulting. These service groups have dedicated teams of partners and professional staff in all of our offices, which are located in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Inverness.

Network arrangements

Scott-Moncrieff is a member firm of Moore Stephens International Limited which is a global accounting and consulting network represented in 112 countries with 30,168 staff worldwide.

Moore Stephens International Limited member firms have a global revenue of \$2.91 billion which has shown growth of 250% over the last 13 years and growth of 6% in the last year despite challenging economic conditions.

Growth has come from network expansion, an increasing range of services and industry sectors, and broadening our national and international market place. New member firms have increased their capabilities and global reach, whilst the continuing ambition of existing members has led to strong organic growth. Member firms have brought innovation and entrepreneurial skills to their clients as well as the traditional values of trust through honesty and integrity.



Moore Stephens International Limited's objective is to always be a top 10 network, through innovation, entrepreneurship and collaboration, enabling member firms to profitably grow and differentiate in both local and global markets.

271 Independent member firms
112 countries 614 offices
30,168 staff

A new strategic plan has been developed by the member firms led by the global board which sets the goals for the network over the next four years. The four key areas of focus will be:

- a global growth strategy supported by a business plan bringing clear, defined and focused objectives;
- alignment of member firms with the same core values and quality obligations to include a programme of learning and development;
- increased value through collaboration and communication and transparency;
- a revised structure and governance to help deliver the goals.

The values of Moore Stephens International Limited are closely aligned with those of **Scott-Moncrieff** and concentrate on being collaborative through working and growing together to identify and service client needs, pursuit of change and innovation to create new ways to meet client needs on a global scale, excellent communication in an open style, and respect for multi-cultural differences in doing business. This is always combined with our traditional values of trust through honesty and integrity which is at the heart of what Moore Stephens International stands for.

Scott-Moncrieff governance

For the year ended 30 April 2018, the Board was responsible for setting the firm's strategy, providing leadership on quality control and protecting the interests of the partners. It meets monthly.

Scott-Moncrieff's constitution is contained in the Partnership Agreement, which includes the processes for the appointment of the firm's managing partner, who serves a three year term, and the other members of the firm's Board, who also serve three year terms. The Board is chaired by the Managing Partner of the firm.

The Managing Partner is also responsible for the day-to-day management of the firm to ensure that agreed strategy is implemented.

Managing Partner

Stewart MacDonald

Board

Stewart MacDonald

Nick Bennett

Chris Brown

Bernadette Higgins

Gareth Magee

The Board continuously monitors developments in corporate governance and benchmarks the firm's performance against them. In addition, Scott-Moncrieff embraces best practice in a way that is relevant to its activities, the risk environment it faces and the needs of its clients and people. Detailed policies and procedures to support quality are communicated through our staff guide.

Risk management

The Board appoints the firm's Risk Monitoring Group, which is responsible for advising on the key risks the firm faces and the effectiveness of the systems to control those risks.

Scott-Moncrieff has identified four principal areas of risk: financial, operational, strategic and professional.

Financial risks include working capital, liquidity and credit risk, which are managed by regular monitoring and review of exposure.

Operational risk is mitigated by a system of formal controls and processes and is backed up by the firm's disaster recovery and business continuity plans. Financial and operational risks are the responsibility of the Managing Partner, operating in conjunction with client service heads.

Strategic risk is monitored through the Board which has overall responsibility for the strategic direction of the business.

Professional risk is the responsibility of individual partners who ensure that the quality, objectivity and independence of client services is maintained. This is done through well-managed client acceptance and engagement procedures, publication of guidance on the conduct of all professional services and the application of rigorous processes to identify and resolve conflicts of interest.

Independence

All partners and staff are required to submit an annual confirmation of regulatory compliance, which includes statements of independence. The Risk Monitoring Group ensures the firm's compliance with the appropriate external regulations.

As part of her annual "whole firm review," the audit compliance principal reviews the signed confirmations of all partners and staff. In addition, confirmation of independence from an audited entity for all those engaged in the audit is required on an assignment by assignment basis, at both planning and completion stages. A sample of audit files is selected for internal cold review annually and adherence to these procedures is confirmed during this review.

These internal reviews and other monitoring processes therefore provide us with assurance that independence policies are appropriately observed.

During the year ended 30 April 2018 such an internal review was carried out in line with procedures to ensure independence policies were appropriately observed.

Client Service

The operational activities of the firm are organised and monitored by a board member in each of the four principal areas in which the firm is involved. Each board member serves for a period of 3 years.

The principal areas and board members responsible are:-

Client Service	Service Head
Audit and Assurance	Chris Brown
Business Advisory	Bernadette Higgins
Marketing	Gareth Magee
Practice Management	Nick Bennett

Quality management and technical excellence

Quality is fundamental in everything we do and the firm is committed to maintaining the highest standards of technical excellence. Each area of the business is required to have in place rigorous quality management procedures to ensure that the required standards of quality (in terms of professional, regulatory and the firm's requirements) are achieved, including:

- technical and procedural manuals to ensure work is delivered to a consistently high standard;
- training and development of all partners and staff (including induction and appraisal);
- quality control procedures to ensure each assignment meets required standards and quality; and
- quality assurance processes, including retrospective reviews to enable management to gain comfort that procedures are in place, are operating and are effective.

As part of the firm's risk management framework, each operating department is required to demonstrate annually the quality management processes in place and, specifically, that if any weaknesses or failures are highlighted in the assurance reviews, appropriate action is taken and improvements monitored.

To measure our performance against the high levels we set ourselves, we assess client service levels by undertaking client satisfaction surveys. The latest set of results show high levels of satisfaction amongst our clients.

Audit Engagement performance

The firm follows the Moore Stephens UK national audit approach to external audit engagements. This approach is set out within the audit manual which is available to all audit staff on the firm's intranet. The approach is built into our automated audit software tool PROaudit. Regular updates to the audit software are received and implemented to ensure continued compliance with auditing standards.

All professional work is supervised by staff members with the appropriate technical knowledge and experience. Review procedures are built into our automated audit software to ensure that:

- all key issues identified at planning and during the audit have been reviewed at manager and partner level;
- the work performed and evidence obtained supports the conclusions reached;
- appropriate consultations have taken place; and
- all completion, review and sign off work is completed prior to the audit opinion being issued.

Our firm promotes a working environment where audit staff are encouraged to consult with their colleagues and other specialists where necessary. The firm's procedures require that an engagement quality control review be carried out on all listed and public interest clients. The engagement quality control review partner will be an experienced audit partner who is independent from the client's audit team. Both the engagement partner and engagement quality control review partner shall cease their participation in the statutory audit after 5 years from the date of their appointment and have no further participation for a period of 5 years.

Monitoring

The firm adopts the "professional standards review process applicable to audit firms" used by all Moore Stephens UK member firms. Each member firm conducts an annual internal cold file review of a sample of audit files. Audit files are selected to cover each audit partner and audit manager and are chosen according to the risk profile of the assignments.

In addition to the internal cold file reviews, the firm is subject to an annual external cold file review process. These reviews are undertaken by two individuals, one an external consultant and the other a member of the Moore Stephens National Technical Committee. An element of the external file review process involves re-performing an internal file review to ensure the firm's own internal review procedures are satisfactory. All files are graded 1 to 4 by the external consultant, who is involved in every review across the network, every year. This approach ensures consistency of grading between offices and over time, and also facilitates identification of any issues related to an individual partner or a whole office and forms a platform for remedial action to be taken, where considered necessary.

The other element of the review consists of a review of the effectiveness of the firm's ISQC1 compliance and monitoring.

The last external review was carried out in August 2017.

Scott-Moncrieff's audit compliance principal sits on the Moore Stephens National Technical Committee, and participates annually in the external reviews of other firms within the network.

In addition to the firm's overall quality standards, our Corporate & Consulting Services (CCS) group, which includes Corporate Finance and Corporate Recovery, has received ISO9001 accreditation for Quality Management.

KPIs

At an operational level the firm has adopted key performance indicators which include age of debtors; fee rendering; work-in-progress levels; recoveries against scale charges; and chargeable hours. The performance of all groups, partners and staff is monitored against these.

Ethics

Professionalism, ethics and independence take precedence over all other aspects of the firm's work. This is reflected in Scott-Moncrieff's commitment to the personal development of staff and is monitored carefully to ensure stringently high standards are met.

For new assignments, a thorough client engagement process is conducted which covers anti-money laundering, ethical issues and other professional risk assessment measures. Similar safeguards apply to ongoing client relationships and all assignments are managed in accordance with well-established internal guidelines.

The firm has a dedicated ethics partner, who provides confidential advice and guidance to other partners and members of staff on professional ethics. Policies meet or exceed the requirements set by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland, the Auditing Practices Board and the International Federation of Accountants. Induction training for all new partners and staff includes an introduction to our ethical and independence policies. Further training is delivered when rules and policies change.

All personnel are required to consult our database of prohibited investments, which includes details of all publicly traded audit clients, before making personal investments.

In accordance with the Bribery Act 2010 we have developed a firm policy and all staff have been trained on that legislation.

Safeguards

The firm has in place a range of safeguards governing audit appointments and the independence of partners and staff.

The firm also completes a series of professional checks and assessments on audit clients to ensure ongoing independence.

The regulatory environment

Scott-Moncrieff is registered to undertake audit work by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland. Our audit work is examined triennially either by:

- the Monitoring Committee of the Financial Reporting Council (FRC) for public interest audits; or
- ICAS's Audit Monitoring Department for other audits.

The work of the FRC was reorganised on 1 April 2013. Prior to that date the FRC Monitoring Committee carried out all inspections of listed company audits. From 1 April 2013, ICAS's Audit Monitoring Department were responsible for reviewing the work of all firms registered with it who handle 10 or fewer listed company audits. The last examination by ICAS's Audit Monitoring Department which was completed under this

responsibility was May 2013. From 1 April 2016 the responsibility for inspection of listed company audits reverted to the FRC.

The last examination by ICAS's Audit Monitoring unit for other audits was completed in April 2016. The Audit Registration Committee were satisfied with the outcome of this examination. The firm is satisfied with the effective functioning of its internal quality control system.

All partners who accept insolvency-related appointments are licensed by one of the Recognised Professional Bodies, which include the ICAEW, ICAS, ICAI, ACCA and IPA, and are subject to regular monitoring reviews by their RPB. All appointment-takers hold current insolvency practitioner licenses issued without conditions or restrictions.

Other services, principally certain corporate finance lead advisory work, are regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

The firm is also subject to Practice Assurance Reviews by ICAS which cover client services not otherwise regulated.

Senior management considers recommendations made by regulators and takes action to implement appropriate changes.

Professional liability insurance

In accordance with the disclosure requirements of the Services Regulations 2009, our professional indemnity insurer is Royal and Sun Alliance plc of 20 Fenchurch Street, London, EC3M 3AU. The territorial coverage is worldwide (excluding professional business carried out from an office in the United States of America or Canada or territories under their jurisdiction) and excludes any action for a claim brought in any court in the United States of America or Canada or territories under their jurisdiction.

Public Register

Details about our audit registration can be viewed at www.auditregister.org.uk under reference number: 2389

Public interest audit clients

A list of the public interest entities for whom Scott-Moncrieff carried out a statutory audit during the year ended 30 April 2018 is provided in Appendix 1.

Human Resources

The firm has detailed recruitment procedures which are drawn up and compliance - monitored by our HR Department. All staff have detailed job descriptions and undertake grade related training prior to advancing to the next level.

Performance appraisal is carried out continuously during the year by team managers and more formally through the performance development process which involves an annual meeting and 6 monthly follow-up.

When staffing an audit engagement, it is ensured that the staff have the appropriate technical knowledge, training and experience to undertake the engagement.

Staff career development is considered as part of the performance development process. Staff are promoted only when they are prepared for the responsibilities that the next position entails. We continually review our future staffing requirements to ensure that we are best placed to meet our clients' needs.

Continuing professional education

We have created and maintain up to date comprehensive online reference databases and materials including specialist industry materials. These cover all aspects of policy, procedure and methodology as well as containing a complete library of UK and International accounting, auditing and ethical standards. To support and keep theoretical knowledge up to date, all partners and staff eligible for appointment as statutory auditors receive regular communications on technical and regulatory topics as they arise. The Technical Committee provides consultation support on all aspects of auditing, accounting and regulatory requirements including subject matter experts in specialist industries.

The firm's internal training curriculum provides a broad range of technical solutions as well as business and personal skills programmes. Specialist industries also operate training programmes. Audit partners and staff are required to attend annual technical updates, ethical and money laundering updates. Partners are required to participate in the internal objective setting and related performance appraisal processes. Through this they assess their on-going personal development needs and identify applicable development activities. The firm is an ICAS and ACCA CPD accredited employer.

Financial information

An analysis of the total turnover of Scott-Moncrieff for the financial year ending 30 April 2018 is shown below:

	2018 £m	2017 £m
Statutory Audit and directly related services	8	6
Non-audit services to audit clients	2	2
Services to non-audit clients	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
Total turnover	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>

Non audit services to audit clients principally comprise taxation services.

Partner remuneration

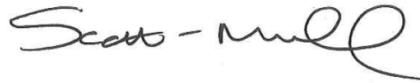
Partners are remunerated solely out of the profits of the firm. The final allocation and distribution of profit to individual partners is made, once their performance has been assessed and the annual financial statements have been approved, by the Remuneration Committee. Each partner's profit share is based on his/her assessed contribution to the firm, responsibilities undertaken, and how he/she has performed over the year. On admission to partnership, partners are salaried, but can earn a bonus based on their contribution to the business. They are required to present a business case to justify progression to equity. Apart from that, there are no semi-fixed "salary" elements or payments based on length of service or seniority. Neither are there any predetermined weightings applied in respect of each element of contributions.

Partners are not remunerated by reference to their success in selling non-audit services to audit clients.

Publication

This report can also be found at www.scott-moncrieff.com/transparency-report .

Approved by the Executive & Strategy Board.

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SCOTT-MONCRIEFF
13 June 2018

Appendix 1: Public interest entities

This list includes audit clients who have issued transferable securities on a regulated market (as defined in the Statutory Auditors (Transparency) Instrument 2008 (POB 01/2008), for whom Scott-Moncrieff issued an audit opinion between 1 May 2017 and 30 April 2018. Where an audit client is a parent undertaking the list excludes any of its subsidiaries. The list does not include audit clients listed on AIM.

Name	Listing Status
Mid Wynd International Investment Trust	LSE
SVM UK Emerging Fund plc	LSE

Appendix 2: List of audit firms in relevant EU/EEA countries

Firms located in EU/EEA member states that performed statutory audits and were members of MSIL during the period 1/1/17-31/12/17

AUSTRIA	Inter Wirtschaftsprüfungs GmbH
AUSTRIA	Moore Stephens Advisa
AUSTRIA	Stauder Schuchter Kempf
AUSTRIA	Moore Stephens Alpen-Adria
AUSTRIA	Moore Stephens Salzburg
AUSTRIA	Moore Stephens Schwarz Kallinger Zwettler
AUSTRIA	Moore Stephens City Treuhand
BELGIUM	Moore Stephens Belgium
BULGARIA	Moore Stephens Bulgaria - Audit OOD
CHANNEL ISLANDS	Moore Stephens Guernsey
CHANNEL ISLANDS	Moore Stephens Jersey
CROATIA	Moore Stephens Revidens
CROATIA	Moore Stephens Audit Zagreb
CYPRUS	Moore Stephens (Limassol) Ltd
CYPRUS	Moore Stephens
CZECH REPUBLIC	Moore Stephens
DENMARK	Brandt
DENMARK	Buus Jensen
FINLAND	Moore Stephens Rewinet
FRANCE	Coffra
GERMANY	Moore Stephens Turnbull & Irrgang
GERMANY	S&P GmbH
GERMANY	Mader & Peters GmbH
GERMANY	Moore Stephens Rhein-Emscher GmbH
GERMANY	Moore Stephens Frankfurt
GERMANY	Peters & Partner GmbH
GERMANY	Moore Stephens Westfalen AG
GERMANY	Moore Stephens Karlsruhe GmbH
GERMANY	Moore Stephens Ludewig AG
GERMANY	Moore Stephens Koblenz
GERMANY	Moore Stephens Treuhand Kurpfalz GmbH
GERMANY	Moore Stephens KPWT AG

Firms located in EU/EEA member states that performed statutory audits and were members of MSIL during the period 1/1/17-31/12/17

GERMANY	BW Partner
GERMANY	Moore Stephens Ulm GmbH
GERMANY	Rinke Treuhand GmbH
GIBRALTAR	Moore Stephens
GREECE	Moore Stephens Chartered Accounts
HUNGARY	Moore Stephens Wagner
HUNGARY	Moore Stephens Hunaudit 2000
HUNGARY	Moore Stephens Hezicomp
HUNGARY	Moore Stephens K-E-S Audit
IRELAND	Moore Stephens
IRELAND	Moore Stephens Patrick McNamara
ISLE OF MAN	Moore Stephens
ITALY	Reviprof
ITALY	Moore Stephens Sicilia
ITALY	DF Audit
ITALY	Axis
ITALY	Bureau Plattner
LATVIA	Moore Stephens (Riga) Limited
LITHUANIA	Moore Stephens Vilnius
LUXEMBOURG	Moore Stephens Audit
MALTA	Moore Stephens
MOLDOVA	Moore Stephens KSC
NETHERLANDS	Moore Stephens MTH
NETHERLANDS	Moore Stephens MSN
NETHERLANDS	Moore Stephens Witlox Van den Boomen
NETHERLANDS	DRV Accountants & Adviseurs
NORWAY	Moore Stephens DA
POLAND	Moore Stephens Trzemzalski, Krynicki I Partnerzy
POLAND	Moore Stephens Central Audit
PORTUGAL	Moore Stephens & Associados
ROMANIA	Audit One
ROMANIA	Moore Stephens KSC
SLOVAKIA	BDR
SPAIN	Moore Stephens Hispania
SWEDEN	Moore Stephens KLN
SWEDEN	Moore Stephens Ranby

Firms located in EU/EEA member states that performed statutory audits and were members of MSIL during the period 1/1/17-31/12/17

SWEDEN	Moore Stephens Malmö
SWEDEN	Moore Stephens Allegretto
UNITED KINGDOM	Moore Stephens (Bath)
UNITED KINGDOM	Moore Stephens (NI)
UNITED KINGDOM	Scott-Moncrieff
UNITED KINGDOM	Moore Stephens (Northern Home Counties)
UNITED KINGDOM	Moore Stephens (North West)
UNITED KINGDOM	Moore Stephens LLP
UNITED KINGDOM	Moore Stephens (East Midlands)
UNITED KINGDOM	Moore Stephens (South)
UNITED KINGDOM	Moore Stephens (Scarborough)
UNITED KINGDOM	Moore Stephens (Stoke on Trent)

Total statutory audit fee turnover as at 31/12/17 in Euros €231.05m