

Press release

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## **Northgate acquires Edis Partnerships**

Northgate Information Solutions plc, a leading supplier of software applications and outsourcing solutions to the human resources, public sector and corporate markets, announces the acquisition of Edis Partnerships.

Edis Partnerships is a leading pensions systems and administration outsourcing provider, with offices in Bristol, London and Stoke on Trent. The company employs approximately 77 staff, who will be transferred to Northgate Information Solutions as part of the acquisition agreement.

The acquisition of Edis Partnerships further strengthens the position of Northgate's HR division as the UK's largest supplier of HR, payroll and pensions systems and services. The transaction continues Northgate's strategic growth plan to become the leading player in each of its chosen markets, which commenced in July 2002. During this time, Northgate HR's presence has been bolstered by the acquisitions of Prolog4, Carapeople, PWA and Rebus HR. The company now works with nearly 8,000 customers across over 50% of FTSE 100 businesses.

Malcolm Aldis, managing director, Northgate HR, said: "Edis Partnerships has established itself as a powerful force in the pensions software and outsourced pensions administration markets. We intend to build on this strong base to satisfy the demands of current and future customers, which will be supported by the combined skills of the Edis and Northgate staff."

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**About Northgate HR** ([www.northgate-is.com/hrs](http://www.northgate-is.com/hrs))

Northgate HR is the specialist HR and Payroll systems division of Northgate Information Solutions. Northgate Information Solutions plc is listed on the London Stock Exchange and included in the FTSE 250 index. For further information visit Northgate Information Solutions at [www.northgate-is.com](http://www.northgate-is.com).

With over 40 years' experience, Northgate HR is the UK's largest supplier of HR, payroll and pensions applications. Northgate HR solutions are developed to provide maximum flexibility and seamless integration. They can cater for the diverse requirements of HR, payroll, benefits and pension management across all market sectors and in organisations of any size.

Solutions can be delivered in-house, via an Application Service Provider (ASP) or outsourced, providing forward thinking and state-of-the-art business management tools. With a comprehensive suite of software solutions combined with unparalleled levels of expertise, Northgate HR can fulfill its vision to provide solutions that simplify key business tasks and deliver value added benefits to customers, enabling them to provide vital human capital information to assist in HR management and business strategy.

Northgate HR also has over 25 years experience in providing pensions administration software to corporate clients and third party administrators. Northgate HR's pensions software is used by several of the UK's top pension schemes including schemes with over 600,000 members.

For an overview and to find out more about Northgate HR's Pensions Administration Software please go to [www.northgate-pensions.co.uk](http://www.northgate-pensions.co.uk).