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A high level of technical ability and a proactive, friendly approach has formed a firm basis for the trusted relationship we have developed with the Armstrong Watson team over the past 30 years. We continue to be impressed with the standards of the services we receive, including audit, corporate and personal tax, advisory and planning, and look forward to working together further as we grow.

Andrew Booth - Finance Director,
Brook Taverner, Keighley



SUPPORTING, ADVISING & PROTECTING YOUR BUSINESS

From ongoing geopolitical tensions and supply chain disruption to unpredictable conditions at home, rising energy and financing costs, new tariffs and trade frictions, and recent tax rises, trading conditions remain challenging for businesses across our region. However, while there are still doubtless challenges ahead, there are also opportunities for well prepared firms to invest, innovate and grow.

Having the right advisory support to guide your business through this unpredictability—helping you manage cashflow, plan for investment, navigate tariffs and tax changes, and seize growth opportunities—is essential to sustainability, prosperity and success. Yet we frequently speak to businesses that are unable to access this support from their audit and accountancy firm. Many have either outgrown their existing advisers or, increasingly, their advisers have outgrown them, leaving successful and profitable businesses feeling isolated and unsupported. This is where our dedicated team of local advisers can really make the difference.

WE DON'T JUST PROVIDE ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES, WE BUILD RELATIONSHIPS

As **the largest independent firm of accountants in the North**, we at Armstrong Watson pride ourselves on being a large, local firm. With over 800 people covering the North of England and Central and Southern Scotland, we have the same local footprint and capability as many large, 'national' firms. However, with 19 offices across the region, including both town-centre premises and flagship city-centre locations, we are truly local to our clients, allowing us to be responsive and proactive, while also fully immersed in the business communities that we serve.

Providing exceptional client experience is imperative to us, ensuring that we build effective, long-standing relationships.

“We strive to be the **BEST** Accounting and Financial Advisory firm to deal with, delivering the **BEST CLIENT EXPERIENCE** in the United Kingdom.”

Our combination of scale and local focus allows us to work differently from most other firms, giving our clients 'the best of both worlds' - the capability of a large firm and the relationship-led client service ethos of an independent. Providing exceptional client experience is not just something we say, it's intrinsic to the culture of our business.



Matt Osbourne
Regional Partner

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TOP-TIER FIRM CAPABILITY, LOCAL FIRM DELIVERY

Our size and scale means that we have many of the features and benefits of a large, national firm, whilst our independent structure and regional focus allows us to deliver a level of service that is truly unique within our market.



TOP-TIER FIRM CAPABILITY



RESOURCE CAPACITY

Giving us the ability to mobilise people across the UK at short notice, for any project, large or small.



FULL SERVICE CAPABILITY

Allowing us to satisfy all of your advisory needs.



HIGH CALIBRE TEAM

From graduate through to partner level, our people benefit from an industry-leading learning and development programme, while our senior team includes home-grown talent alongside large firm recruits.



LARGE-FIRM INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY

Allowing us to be efficient, agile and responsive.



INTERNATIONAL CAPABILITY

Our membership of MSI Global, one of the world's largest professional services associations, gives us the ability to lead on multi-jurisdiction group audits, while also allowing our clients to benefit from our international advisory network.



“ The team at Armstrong Watson has come to understand our family dynamic, culture and drivers over the period we have dealt with them, pulling us closer to them and introducing us to the wider service lines as and when necessary. We value them as a trusted advisor, always on the end of a phone and being a great sounding board for us.

*Mark Flanagan -
Managing Director, Ventrolla, Harrogate*

LOCAL FIRM DELIVERY



PEOPLE FOCUSED

We recruit well rounded, passionate, people focused colleagues and train them to be great advisers and accountants, delivering a hyper local service from multiple offices across the Yorkshire region.



VALUE FOCUSED

Simply, we have the flexibility and autonomy to spend time with our clients throughout the year. Only by spending time with you can we properly understand your needs and objectives, allowing us to build an offering that is truly bespoke to every client and focused on delivering real, measurable added value.



COMMERCIAL AND COLLABORATIVE

As an independent local firm we are not constrained by internal red tape, so we work collaboratively and commercially with you, in a way that is designed to enhance value, bringing Big Four level scale and capability without the bureaucracy.



UNIQUE APPROACH TO PRICING

A commercial approach that aligns cost with value, giving flexibility and control to you while remaining transparent and predictable.

OUR SERVICES

Much like large international accounting firms, Armstrong Watson offers a true 'one-stop-shop' solution to businesses and their owners.



OUR VALUES

We also believe that how we work with our clients is as important as what we do. That's why our approach to our own internal values and culture is central to everything we do.



SUPPORTING YOUR BUSINESS

AUDIT AND ASSURANCE



Your audit should not be seen as a box-ticking exercise or a necessary evil. Your annual audit should be a process from which you should receive real, measurable added value.

By spending time with you and allowing us to understand your business at a strategic level and by giving our team of qualified professionals access to your business at an operational level, your annual audit should be an opportunity to align the operational with the strategic, creating within the business the conditions to facilitate profitable growth and increased business value.

With a track record of delivering large and complex audit assignments to tight timescales, you can trust us to meet your deadlines, through a combination of rigorous planning, focussed execution, and a collaborative, commercial approach.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND TAX RETURNS



We offer a range of service levels depending on your own specific requirements, and whatever package you decide upon, our expert teams will prepare your accounts and tax returns, claiming all the available allowances to minimise your tax liability. With your own dedicated Relationship Manager they will provide you with practical and commercial advice - focusing on your future, understanding your business and helping you to get where you want to be.

TAX CONSULTANCY AND STRATEGIC TAX ADVICE



We align tax planning with your commercial and personal goals. Our specialists help you navigate the UK tax landscape, delivering clear, proactive advice that manages exposure and unlocks opportunities. We combine sector insight with rigorous compliance to safeguard value and confidence. Your circumstances, issues, and ambitions come first. We invest in a trusted relationship to understand your business and priorities in depth. From that insight, we provide strategic, compliant recommendations tailored to your situation, designed to reduce risk, enhance efficiency, and support sustainable growth.

VAT AND INDIRECT TAXES



VAT can be a complex area even in the most simple business. We can help you make sense of the complexities for every situation, whatever your sector, and whether you operate a single site or multiple locations, ensuring you remain compliant and take advantage of any reliefs available. We provide pragmatic advice focused on mitigating the impact of VAT on businesses as a cost, cash flow issue, area of risk or administrative burden.

CORPORATE FINANCE



Whether you're planning to expand or sell, seeking finance, or exploring your M&A options, our trusted corporate finance team brings experience, original thinking and a proactive approach to advise and support you on the right way forward for your business. We provide due diligence and transaction services as part of our corporate finance offering, helping you raise finance to meet growth objectives, prepare your business for sale, identify and engage the buyer, and execute efficiently. We also help you put in place the right succession planning to protect value and support your long-term objectives end to end.

BUSINESS FUNDING




We provide a truly holistic and independent debt advisory service, sourcing the most suitable and competitive funding, tailored around your individual needs.

We take time to fully understand the requirements of your business, before approaching our network of over 100 different lenders to obtain the right funding solution for your business.

FINANCIAL PLANNING AND WEALTH MANAGEMENT



Our chartered financial planning and wealth management team are here to offer independent financial advice for you and your business. They will help you develop a clear financial strategy that evolves and grows alongside your business and personal financial needs. From pensions, inheritance and retirement planning, through to business protection and employee financial education and wellbeing.



“ We have found Armstrong Watson to be extremely rigorous and robust in their approach and they have conducted a thorough yet efficient audit process. They took time to understand our business and build relationships with the people within our teams and as a result have got to grips with the complexities of our business quickly. They worked well to our reporting deadlines and engaged cordially and professionally with our audit committee.

Sheffield Forgemasters

PAYROLL SERVICES



Providing services for more than 1500 employers, our qualified and dedicated payroll team fully understand the specific payroll issues faced by all types of industries, including seasonal workers, foreign workers, live-in allowances, Auto Enrolment and the National Living Wage.

OUTSOURCING



Save yourself time and costs by outsourcing essential business functions to us. We can provide VAT returns and book keeping, outsourced payroll, company secretarial services, management accounts through to a full virtual finance department. You will have the peace of mind that accounting professionals are dealing with your compliance requirements and adding real value to your business. We work seamlessly with you and harness the latest cloud technology to provide these essential functions to your business. Our outsourcing services work for a range of business sizes and industries, and we can support your business in a way that suits you.

FRACTIONAL FD/CFO SERVICES



When key finance staff are unexpectedly out of the business for an extended period, the impact can be significant. We understand the challenges this creates, from maintaining financial control to ensuring strategic decisions stay on track. Our Fractional FD/CFO Service is designed to provide the leadership and support your business needs, without the cost and complexity of a full-time hire. Blending the experience of senior finance professionals with the efficiency of junior team members and giving you access to a complete solution at a fraction of the cost.

ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE & MANAGEMENT INFORMATION



Choosing the right accounting software for your business needs is vital. Cloud accounting allows you to easily track your management information and budget effectively to help drive the business forward, and also allows you to operate your business from any device and from anywhere.

We can produce management accounts and track key performance indicators for your business, so you can invest time in what you do best – running your business!

With the largest number of clients in the UK enrolled on the Xero cloud accounting platform, we have extensive knowledge of the software and, alongside providing businesses with solutions for maintaining their accounting records, we are also able to provide a huge range of additional cloud based accounting services, including bookkeeping, VAT returns, tax returns, payroll services and management accounting via Xero.

FINANCIAL REPORTING



Our financial reporting service offers tailored guidance on complex accounting rules, strategic reporting structure development, and practical solutions that strengthen compliance, streamline processes, and enable more informed decision-making in a rapidly changing regulatory environment.

We help organisations navigate increasingly complex accounting and regulatory requirements by providing both advisory and hands-on reporting support, offering technical expertise across UK GAAP, IFRS, and other relevant frameworks. We assist businesses with implementing new standards, managing unfamiliar reporting issues, and restructuring or preparing for listings.

CYBER SECURITY SOLUTIONS



Safeguarding your business from cyber threats is critical. We provide comprehensive cyber security services designed to proactively protect your organisation. This includes vulnerability assessments to identify weaknesses, implementing robust data protection strategies, and ensuring compliance with industry standards. Our team works closely with you to develop tailored solutions that address your unique risks, providing peace of mind and safeguarding your business continuity in the face of potential cyber attacks.



“ We have enjoyed working with the Armstrong Watson team throughout the audit and have found the experience extremely positive. We were impressed by the efficiency of the process, how well they’ve communicated with us and how timelines have been adhered to — the efforts and support of the AW team have been greatly appreciated.

Jo Robinson -
CEO, Yorkshire Collaborative Academy Trust

MANAGING CASH FLOW & IMPROVING PERFORMANCE



Identifying issues and taking the right action at the first opportunity can make a huge difference to the success and longevity of your business, and our team of experts can work with you to understand and overcome those challenges, helping to restore stability, and improving operational and financial performance.

RESTRUCTURING & INSOLVENCY



Identifying issues and taking appropriate action at the first opportunity can make a significant difference to the success and longevity of your business. Our team of experts will work with you to understand and overcome those challenges, exploring all options, helping to restore stability, improving operational and financial performance, and looking at solutions to move forward.

CREDITOR SERVICES



Armstrong Watson’s National Creditor Services team can take away the headache and worry caused by creditor debts, whilst at the same time saving you significant amounts of money, acting on your behalf and providing clarity on the most appropriate way of dealing with each individual case and maximising dividend prospects.

Our dedicated team provide bespoke, tailored services for creditors and potential litigants, plus practical advice for individuals and companies in distress.

OUR ADVICE PROCESS AND PROMISE TO YOU

No two people or businesses are the same. Whilst there may be some similarities, just like individuals, each situation is unique. Taking the right amount of time to understand your goals and aspirations is vital to provide you with the tailored advice and services needed to achieve your business objectives. As time moves on, your circumstances and priorities, together with external factors, can change and that is why we offer a circular approach, with a promise not only to revisit your goals regularly, but to offer access to our wider specialist team where required.



DISCOVER - UN DERSTAND YOUR BUSINESS & YOUR OBJECTIVES

We take the time to understand your business. We focus on understanding your current circumstances together with your goals and aspirations for a secure future.



PLAN - PROVIDE A TAILORED & TRANSPARENT PLAN

Once we understand your objectives we will provide you with a tailored plan for services to meet your compliance and advisory needs. This will include transparent pricing and payment options together with timelines for delivery.



ACTION - DELIVER ON OUR PROMISES

We will deliver the services and advice you need, whilst providing progress updates along the way. Giving you the peace of mind that everything is dealt with on time.



REVIEW - REVISIT, REVIEW, REFRESH & RECOMMEND – REGULARLY

Revisiting your goals and aspirations is essential as your circumstances and priorities evolve over time. We will review this regularly to ensure your requirements are met, providing access to our full range of specialist business, tax and financial advisers, and enabling us to explore new options and opportunities that could benefit your business.

SOME OF OUR CLIENTS

Although our core purpose will always be to support, advise and protect privately owned businesses, we also act for a number of international, corporate, not for profit and private equity owned businesses. Here is a selection of our clients:



MEET OUR TEAM

At Armstrong Watson, we believe that our team provides the perfect balance of home-grown talent and experienced hires.

We are committed to investing in our people and this is reflected both in our Investors in People gold accreditation, our position as a Top 100 Apprenticeship Employer in the UK and being named in the official 'The Sunday Times Best Places to Work 2025'. This recognition is a testament to our culture, one that values our people, champions growth and fosters a workplace where everyone can thrive.



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We have been working with the team at Armstrong Watson for approximately three years and this has been an extremely refreshing and positive experience since we made the decision to change accountants. I would have no hesitation in recommending the team to any business that wants a trusted advisor who adds real value.

*Norman Wooler -
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“ The Armstrong Watson team simply go above and beyond when it comes to professional services and trusted advisory. They demonstrate how they work well with our Trustees providing advice and guidance all year round. We have some exciting growth plans ahead so working with a firm like AW offers us that collaborative approach and growth confidence.

*Andy Forbes - Finance and Resource Director,
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