

MERGER for money men



Financial services firm Quill Group has merged with Brisbane accountancy practice Sims Crawford Elliot and Co.

QUILL Group managing director Kevin Nicol says merging with SCE means a second Brisbane office for the group, expanding Quill Group's presence in South East Queensland.

"We're very pleased to welcome the SCE partners and staff on-board. The SCE practice was established in 1922 – such heritage is uncommon in our industry and I believe their experience and knowledge will enhance and enrich our culture at Quill Group," says Nicol.

"The team at SCE has always been committed to providing the best outcomes for clients in the areas of accounting, taxation, financial planning and superannuation. We hope clients will benefit from this merger with our provision of additional specialist services in finance, insurance, self managed superannuation and estate planning."

SCE partner David Elliot, says it will be 'business as usual' for clients and staff during the transition process.

"I believe the merger is a sign of a positive future for the firm and during the transition, business will continue as normal, all of our staff will remain the same and our current Vulture Street, Highgate Hill office location will not change," he says.

"We believe the decision to join forces with Quill Group, a well established firm that can offer additional services with a team of dedicated specialists in accounting, financial planning, insurance, finance and superannuation is a move in the right direction for our clients and staff.

"We're confident that this merger will provide us the capabilities of a major accountancy and financial planning firm, while still allowing us to provide the personalised service enjoyed by our clients since 1922."

SCE's external financial planning arm, which previously operated under the Premium Wealth Management licence, will now also be brought in-house under the Quill Group banner.