



Image: David Painter [left] and Paul Harris

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## Exclusive: Cooper Wood & Associates appoints two industry experts

**Cooper Wood & Associates**, an asset management and asset servicing consultancy, has made two new appointments to support its growth and future development.

David Painter and Paul Harris both take on the newly created role of brand ambassador, which will involve them engaging with existing clients, and developing and promoting the Cooper Wood brand to a broader audience.

Most recently, Painter worked at Societe Generale Securities Services, where he set up a Trustee & Depository Services division in the UK with responsibility for recruiting the team, building the governance and operating model, and taking on its first clients.

During his career, Painter has been involved with several key industry milestones and has held senior roles at J.P. Morgan such as head of UK business development for Trust and Fiduciary Services.

Meanwhile, Harris is an experienced relationship and business development manager with a deep understanding of private banks, asset managers, wealth management firms, prime brokers, broker dealers, across all asset classes and fund types.

Harris previously worked at NatWest Trustee & Depository Services and before that he spent 10 years at BNP Paribas Securities Services, most recently as sales and global relationship executive.

Commenting on the appointments, Rod Cooper, partner, says: "Cooper Wood and Associates is entering an exciting phase of our growth and David Painter and Paul Harris will enable us to deliver our products and services to a bigger audience and to benefit from their considerable knowledge, experience and skills."

Tim Wood, partner, comments: "We are thrilled to have Paul Harris and David Painter join us in these newly created roles and look forward to working with them as they support the Cooper Wood growth and development journey."

Painter states: "I, like many others, have been watching Cooper Wood & Associates develop over the last 18 months and this is an ideal time for me to join them and be part of the future success of this firm".

Harris adds: "I was attracted to the fact that Cooper Wood & Associates only use senior people who have direct industry experience and with my background, I am looking forward to being part of that team and supporting their growth."

**Cooper Wood & Associates was launched in June 2020** by Tim Wood and Rod Cooper and specialises in asset servicing, with a proposition of using senior practitioners with direct industry experience to assist both buy and sell side firms manage their commercial and operational challenges.