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## HSBC STRENGTHENS LANCASHIRE TEAM WITH TWO INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

HSBC's Lancashire and Cumbria Commercial Centre has made two key appointments to bolster its international offering. Mark Johnson has joined the bank as Senior International Commercial Manager, whilst Craig McLean has been appointed International Commercial Manager.

Both roles will focus on supporting companies with a turnover of between £5 million and £30 million which trade internationally. The appointments increase the size of HSBC's Lancashire and Cumbria international team to 14.

Mark Johnson joins HSBC after 24 years at RBS, where he was most recently a Relationship Director based in Preston. Craig has been with HSBC since 2007, most recently as a Commercial Risk Manager based in Manchester. Prior to joining HSBC, Craig was also with RBS for 15 years.

Jason Gledhill, HSBC Lancashire and Cumbria Area Commercial Director, said: "These new appointments demonstrate a clear commitment from HSBC to SMEs from Lancashire and Cumbria. We want to help companies to grow and we have the expertise and experience to help businesses to do that, particularly those with an international outlook as we believe exporting offers fantastic growth potential for UK SMEs."

He added: "Lancashire and Cumbria are key to our region and are home to many thriving businesses, a number of which are taking their products and services worldwide. We want to keep investing in our team to ensure our current and future customers receive the best possible service."

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