

press release

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The Share Centre to acquire majority of Wills & Co client base

The Share Centre is set to acquire around 11,000 accounts from Wills & Co Stockbrokers Limited, following action taken by the Financial Services Authority (FSA). Accounts concerned are expected to be transferred to The Share Centre over the next few weeks.

Commenting on the acquisition, Gavin Oldham, chief executive of The Share Centre, said: "We are working closely with Wills & Co to ensure a smooth and speedy transition of accounts. We look forward to providing these new customers with the same high quality, self-select share service our existing customers enjoy.

"As one of the UK's leading retail stockbrokers, new customers of The Share Centre will be able to benefit from our award-winning share-dealing service, whether it be online or over the telephone. They will also have access to other services, including ISAs, Child Trust Funds and our Regular Investment Service. Plus, they will be able to take advantage of our online investment research and register to speak to our in-house Advice team at no additional cost."

Customers affected by the acquisition will be contacted in the first instance by Wills & Co. The Share Centre will then introduce themselves via a customer mailing soon afterwards. For more information on the acquisition and how it might affect Wills & Co customers please visit www.share.com/wills.

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Risk Warnings:

Investing in general, and the products and services mentioned above may not be suitable for all: if in doubt, individuals should seek independent financial advice. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may not get back their original investment. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

The bases and levels of taxation relating to ISAs, CTFs and SIPPs are subject to change and the value of these tax allowances may depend upon the circumstances of the individual.

About The Share Centre:

The Share Centre was established in 1990 to provide value-for-money share services for private investors. Its range of services includes buying and selling shares (by Internet, telephone and post) and a comprehensive share administration and safe custody service. Tax-efficient investment 'wrappers' including ISAs, CTFs and SIPPs are also available.

The Share Centre's Advice team provides comment on market sectors, individual shares and funds on www.share.com. Access is available to customers and registered users of the site. Registration is free. To understand how our Advice team arrive at their views please read our [Investment Research Policy](#)

In addition, account customers can receive individual telephone advice on UK-listed shares and on funds traded via the CoFunds trading platform.

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