Annual Report and Accounts 2020

Business Model

Fuelled by our passion for creating the leading legal and professional services business outside London, our business model enables us to deliver value by executing our four strategic pillars:



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Key Strengths Creating Value Inputs Culture Clients **Delivering value for clients** We deliver results that matter to our clients as we are led Seeking by their goals, and use our commercial mindset, market insight business advice and legal expertise, to deliver optimal business solutions. that matters We are trusted advisors, as a result of our understanding of our clients, their experience of our advice, and because of who we are as people. We structure our resources to deliver the best solution, underpinned by a high-quality efficient service, enabled by our one team approach and low overheads. Financial Accelerating career ambitions **Fee Earners** Culture **Operations** We provide an environment that attracts energetic, Seeking An empowering culture Corporate structure Cash and capital commercially minded innovative professionals. opportunities to - Unleashing fee earners' - Separate and strong - Highly cash generative Our fast growing business, one team approach and drive talent through our leadership team. model, supports grow in a supportive to change the delivery of professional services, provides collaborative and friendly, with broad experience investment in people, outstanding opportunities to flourish. environment target free environment beyond the legal sector technology and infrastructure Fee earners focus on what they do best and love, servicing - 'One team' culture, where - Enabling fee earners to clients, without the time and emotional drains of targets, resources flow quickly focus entirely on what they - Strong balance sheet, politics and management meetings. to create the right team do best, servicing clients aided by industryfor the client leading working capital - Commercial and management - Entrepreneurial, can-do entrepreneurial approach mindset, where fee earners is embedded in our culture. - Support of the UK's strongest quality can be themselves. Efficient and Law Firms growth funds. Unlocking value from acquisitions Trusted advisors to clients scalable platform Acquisition track record We carefully select strategic acquisitions that have a strong Seeking - Single technology platform - Commercial, business cultural fit, with people who share our belief there is a better outcome mindset, delivers efficiency, speed - Identifying the right a platform to get way to deliver professional services. underpinned with expertise of service, and makes businesses, driven to the next stage and local knowledge collaboration easy by a strong cultural We quickly release value from cost synergies by implementing and strategic fit the Knights operating model. - Big enough to deliver, - Flowing work to the small enough to care right expert or level of - Integration is We accelerate growth by bringing scale and new expertise experience, to optimise 'business as usual', to acquired teams to be better able to serve their existing - Long-term partnering with value for clients led by an experienced clients, win new ones, and expand their reach to serve clients that want the best and dedicated team existing Knights clients. and respect those that - Rapidly assembling teams - Rapidly unlocking deliver it. to deliver on short lead time or high volume needs existing and creating of clients. new value sustainably. **Principles** $\sim \sim$ One team Quality Commercial Pioneer Agile $X\!\!\!X$







Exploit Technology 4 and Data



Clients





70% Growth of clients using more than one service









Shareholder



Adjusted earnings per share

3 year profit CAGR



TSR

Communities

4

working hours a month per employee available to the community



printed pages saved per year 9%

Energy reduction through use of LED lighting



Ambitious