

# Mathys & Squire opens Manchester outpost

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Patent and trademark attorney firm Mathys & Squire has launched a Manchester office with the hire of two directors from rival firm William A Shepherd & Son.

Mathys & Squire has brought on board trademark specialists Gary Johnston and Robert Hawley for the start-up operation. The firm's senior partner Peter Garratt and chemical patent partner Anthony Duckett will spearhead the firm's Manchester patent practice.

Hawley said: "Manchester is a very entrepreneurial city, with a great combination of start-up companies and well-established plcs. With an office in the city we will be able to service the long-recognised demand for trademark and patent advice."

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