Company hailed a Scottish ‘success story’ unveils change of leadership

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A company described as a “Glasgow success story” has announced a leadership change.

Maven Capital Partners, a UK alternative asset manager, said the change of senior leadership is part of a planned succession strategy.

It announced the appointment of Ewan Mackinnon as managing partner. Founder and previous managing partner Bill Nixon has moved to the role of chair.

The change reflects “the continued evolution of the business, and importantly ensures long-term continuity for investors, portfolio companies and other stakeholders”, a spokesperson for the firm said.

“Ewan has been a senior member of the Maven team since 2009 and has been integral to its growth and regional expansion over that time,” the spokesperson added.

“A highly experienced investor, he has led numerous transactions across multiple sectors, played a key role in the development of Maven’s product offering and, over the last seven years, has deputised for Bill as fund manager for the Maven VCTS. As managing partner, Ewan will focus on delivering Maven’s long-term vision and strategic direction.”

In 2009, Mr Nixon led the management buyout of Aberdeen Asset Management’s private equity division, establishing Maven as an independent firm. The business has since evolved into a diversified alternative asset manager with national reach and a strong regional presence across the UK.

Maven operates from 11 offices across the UK, employs more than 120 professionals and has invested over £1 billion in more than 600 ambitious British businesses across its client funds.

Mr Mackinnon said: “I am very proud to be to taking on the role of managing partner at Maven. Firstly, I must express my appreciation to Bill for his incredible contribution to the business and for all of his support over the past 17 years.

“Maven has evolved significantly since it was established in 2009, broadening its capabilities while remaining focused on supporting ambitious lower mid-market businesses. My priority now is to build on these strong foundations, further enhancing our product offering while continuing to deliver consistent, long-term value for our investors.”

Mr Nixon said: “It has been a privilege to lead Maven since completing the management buy-out in 2009 and establishing the firm as an independent business. Over that time, we have grown into a diversified alternative asset manager with a multi-asset product set, a national footprint and a highly capable team.

“As chair, I will remain closely involved in supporting the business and its development while ensuring continuity for our investors and stakeholders. I am confident that Maven is strongly positioned for the future under Ewan’s leadership.”

Figure 1-Ewan Mackinnon and Bill Nixon