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Award-winning architecture practice tp bennett strengthens its presence in Leeds

tp bennett has acquired the interior design and workplace strategy team from Strive (formerly SoVibrant), an award-winning Leeds-based practice founded 10 years ago.

The team members joining tp bennett include Managing Director and workplace strategy specialist Helen Nicol, as well as Peter Pringle, Charlie Herries, Jake Thompson and Amy Roper.

The new combined team will service existing clients of both practices as well as pursuing new opportunities with the benefit of the broader tp bennett capabilities.

Leigh Dimelow, Principal Director of tp bennett for the Northern Region, said: "Following significant growth for tp bennett in the north, this strategic merger will take our team to over 20 people. This allows us to support growth in Leeds and the wider Yorkshire region and build on the success of our Manchester office, founded 5 years ago."

Helen Nicol, who becomes a Director of tp bennett said: "This exciting acquisition presents my team with the perfect opportunity to access scale and a platform for growth, both within the region and nationally. After 10 years in business, we are delighted to become part of the tp bennett success story and bring our teams together to create a new regional centre of excellence for design and strategic workplace consultancy."

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About tp bennett:

tp bennett is a leading architecture and design practice located in London, Manchester's Northern Quarter and Leeds with affiliate offices in more than 20 countries. The practice has three core divisions, architecture, interiors and town planning, supported by specialist areas in strategy, research and graphics. Over 310 staff work across the practice with projects covering a range of sectors including offices, corporate, datacentres, education, health, hotels, bars & restaurants, public/civic use, residential, retail & leisure, student residential, and transportation.

Founded in 1921 by Sir Thomas Bennett, today tp bennett is led by a young, dynamic, fourth generation of Directors who are passionately committed to design and providing a first-class professional service tailored to each client's needs.

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