

ACCA signs pact with DFK International

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The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants is partnering with DFK International, an association of independent accounting firms and business advisors, with the goal of strengthening the global talent pool of the accounting profession.

Under the memorandum of understanding signed by both organizations, the ACCA and DFK will cooperate on joint events, information sharing, and access to initiatives and services to attract new finance and accounting talent. ACCA chief executive Helen Brand and DFK International executive director Martin Sharp signed the agreement Monday in London. “As the global body for professional accountants, ACCA is committed to finding innovative approaches to open up the profession and promote global standards,” Brand said in a statement. “By partnering with DFK, our respective memberships can benefit from being part of a truly global network with local expertise. DFK member firms are passionate about ideas, innovation and new technology, with especial strengths in helping startups and fast-growing businesses thrive and prosper. As such, they are a natural partner for ACCA.”



ACCA chief executive Helen Brand (left) with DFK vice president of EMEA Anne Brady and DFK International executive director Martin Sharp

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Most of the firms in DFK are located abroad, but there are several in the U.S., including Shea Labagh Dobberstein in San Francisco; Wilkins Miller in Mobile, Alabama; R&A CPAs in Tucson, Ariz.; and Abdo, Eick & Meyers in Minnesota.

“ACCA and DFK share a commitment in the belief that organizations around the world should be able to access the in-depth experience needed, helping start-ups and fast-growing businesses build their dreams,” said DFK International executive director Martin Sharp in a statement. “This partnership enables our international membership to benefit from the latest global insights into professional and ethical standards. Together this will bolster the profession’s ability to attract and develop the accounting talent the world needs.