

Ex-Arrowgrass partner starts 'high-touch' cap intro firm

Nick Lawson, who previously spent 17 years at Deutsche Bank, starts Ocean Wall



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Nick Lawson, a former Deutsche Bank veteran who left Arrowgrass Capital Partners earlier this year, is starting a business connecting hedge funds with investors.

He describes his new firm, Ocean Wall, as a "high-touch business advising on, and undertaking, the raising of capital for hedge funds and private companies."

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Lawson worked at Deutsche Bank between 1998 and 2015, running merger arb and special situations, before a four-year stint at Arrowgrass, which had spun out of the German lender in 2008.

He has spent the last few months on gardening leave from Arrowgrass, where he was partner and served as head of strategic capital solutions.

Ocean Wall has assembled an experienced four-strong board, each

with an equity interest in the business, to assess potential deals and "ensure the quality of each transaction" it oversees. Their identities are not currently disclosed.

"Using my 25 years of experience in running complex equity businesses I will look to assist on the more esoteric and niche aspects of asset raising," said Lawson. "I aim to use my relationships to not only match buyer and seller, but also to create the optimal outcome for both parties."

The firm will be based in 55 Baker Street, which also houses the London office of Brevan Howard.

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