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DAVIES ARNOLD COOPER LLP ADVISES RIDGEWAY CAPITAL LLP

Davies Arnold Cooper has advised private equity firm, Ridgeway Capital, on an investment into SFD, one of the UK's leading independent national distributors of premium quality chilled, frozen and ambient products to the food service industry.

Ridgeway Capital is a turnaround investor focusing on UK mid-market and SME businesses with the potential to grow strongly with the funding and management assistance it provides.

Private Equity Partner Steven Raize and Head of Corporate Ian Brent led a team of seven from Davies Arnold Cooper, including tax and employment specialists.

Ari Stavropoulos, Ridgeway Capital partner commented: "We are excited by the potential of this investment, which we looked to complete in a short space of time once commercial terms had been agreed. I have worked with Steven Raize many times before but this was the first time since he and his team moved to Davies Arnold Cooper. It was good to see Davies Arnold Cooper has the strength in depth and ability to move quickly as the situation required."

Davies Arnold Cooper partner, Steven Raize said: "This is the latest of a series of private equity deals on which Davies Arnold Cooper has acted. As the private equity market regains some momentum, it is evidence that we are now recognised as one of the genuine alternatives to the law firms which had previously dominated this market."

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