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### **Liontrust completes acquisition of the Architas UK Investment Business**

- Liontrust completes the acquisition of Architas Multi-Manager Limited and Architas Advisory Services Limited (together, the Architas UK investment business) from AXA S.A. for a total consideration of up to £75 million
- Creates a combined multi-asset multi-manager proposition that adds £5.7 billion in assets under management and advice (AuMA)
- The acquisition of the Architas UK Investment Business increases Liontrust's AuMA to £26.8 billion (Liontrust AuMA as at 23 October 2020 was £21.1 billion)

Specialist fund management company Liontrust today announces the completion of the acquisition of the Architas UK Investment Business – Architas Multi-Manager Limited and Architas Advisory Services Limited – from AXA S.A on 30 October 2020.

The acquisition, which was announced on 1 July 2020 and has since received regulatory and shareholder approval, has created a significant multi-asset multi-manager proposition by product range and AuMA.

The enlarged Liontrust Multi-Asset team, headed by John Hesselbee with Sheldon MacDonald as Deputy Head, is one of the most experienced and highly respected in the UK market.

The Liontrust brand is being used for all the target risk portfolios and risk profiled, income generating and specialist funds managed by the Multi-Asset team.

**John Ions, Chief Executive of Liontrust**, said: “This is an important strategic acquisition for Liontrust. Completing the purchase expands our distribution among financial advisers through the scale of the combined multi-asset businesses, the strength of the merged investment team, the broad range of multi-asset multi-manager portfolios and funds and enhanced client service.

“Financial advisers are key clients for Liontrust because of the responsibility they have as guardians of people’s savings. By offering both risk profiled funds and target risk portfolios, we will help advisers meet their suitability requirements by being able to choose the solution that best addresses their clients’ individual needs for investment and risk.

“Given our investment, sales and marketing capability, I have great confidence that we will grow the multi-asset portfolios and funds over the next few years.”

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*Each investment team, which manage global equities, fixed income, sustainable investment funds and multi-asset portfolios and funds, applies rigorous investment processes to the management of*

*funds and portfolios that ensure the way they manage money is predictable and repeatable.  
Liontrust's purpose is to have a positive impact on our clients, stakeholders and society.*

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