

## Bird and Bird - ISO27001



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#### Case Study: Bird & Bird

Bird & Bird LLP is an award winning international law firm with headquarters based in central London. The firm is 180 years old and now has offices in 23 countries worldwide and clients based in 118 countries. As technology allowed innovations and ideas to travel more quickly, the need to protect the ideas and innovations of its clients encouraged the firm to expand its international capabilities.

#### CHALLENGE

It is the globalisation of the firm's practice, along with increased requirements from clients to ensure the security of the information they hold, that has led Bird & Bird to focus on Information Security. The initial challenge was to gain the buy-in of the executive board in order to support the initiative, which had originally been driven from the IT department. CNS was able to assist this process and was in fact asked to present on the subject to the executive board. With the backing of the executive, CNS completed all tasks within the required timescales and budget to help Bird & Bird achieve ISO 27001 in 2014.

#### SOLUTION

After an 18 month program Bird & Bird were certified against the ISO 27001 standard in 2014. CNS worked with Bird & Bird in setting up the project and the project office, provided a structure for the Governance Regime, as well as completing the necessary risk assessments. Both the London and German offices were certified. CNS continue to work with the client to roll out the Information Security Management System (ISMS) across the remaining offices.

In addition to ISO 27001, CNS consultants also advise Bird & Bird on specific BAU security issues. These include technical testing, response to new threats and vulnerabilities, as well as security considerations for new systems.

#### OUTCOME

CNS worked with Bird & Bird to set up ISO 27001 project and the project office. Providing a structure for the Governance Regime, as well as completing the necessary risk assessments and policies in order to achieve ISO 27001 accreditation in 18 months.

A long term partnership has helped Bird & Bird set up their own ISMS and perform their own security and risk assessments. This has resulted in ISO 27001 certification and will result in on-going ISO 27001 compliance.

*"We have worked with CNS for several years and they are currently helping us with our ISMS programme. This is a long term initiative with one of the aims being to certify our firm against ISO 27001.*

*We chose CNS for a number of reasons, primarily for the knowledge and experience the consultants bring, particularly of information security implementations. The consultants engage capably at all levels of the firm, particularly with the board and senior management.*

*They listen carefully to our needs, and bring insight framed in the language and culture of our own business, which is invaluable for stakeholder engagement. This approach has led to the on-going success of our programme, and we look forward to continuing this partnership for years to come."*

#### Information Security Manager, Bird & Bird

#### Stable Foundations

Providing essential IT services to enable our customers to re-focus on their core business



Managed Workplace



Business Continuity



Cyber Security  
Detection &  
Defence



Core Infrastructure

#### The Agile Workspace

Equipping our customers with the tools to empower their employees to work efficiently anywhere



Modern Workplace



Unified  
Communications



Simplified Collaboration



Enterprise Mobility  
Management

#### Intelligent Growth

Utilising technology, intelligence and expertise to fully realise new growth opportunities for your business



Multi-Cloud  
Management



Business Insight &  
Analytics



Consultancy & Advisory



Cyber Security  
Assessment &  
Compliance