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CORPORATE FINANCE LIMITED

SALE OF STRATEGIC STAKE IN VOICEVALE TO TOYOTA



Voicevale is one of Europe's largest specialist importers and suppliers of nuts and dried fruits, with offices in London, Paris, Hamburg and Beijing. With a turnover of over \$225 million, it delivers over 55,000 tonnes of products annually to more than 500 customers.

Buckingham advised Voicevale on the sale of a strategic 20% stake to Toyota Tsusho Corporation Japan, a part of the Japanese giant Toyota.

Toyota Tsusho Corporation is a multinational trading business, with global turnover of \$64bn. It has seven trading divisions: produce & foodstuffs, metals, global production of parts & logistics, automotive, machinery, energy & project, chemicals & electronics and consumer products.

The new alliance will focus on expanding Voicevale's product offerings, benefiting from Toyota Tsusho's expertise in numerous food joint ventures they have around the globe.

The deal will strengthen both company's strategic global position in the food sector and will allow it to pursue opportunities to invest in upstream (production) projects in source countries.

Buckingham's team was led by Stephen Bennett and supported by Ian Leaman. They worked alongside solicitor Steven Raize, Corporate partner at law firm Davies Arnold Cooper.

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