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# Hertfordshire Challenger Bank announces high-profile Business Development appointment

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An experienced banker with “buckets of ambition” is the latest high-profile Business Development appointment for Hertfordshire’s Redwood Bank.

Mark Dobson joins the team as Head of Business Development, South, to lead the existing Business Development team and grow the Bank’s business across the southern region.



**Mark Dobson**, Head of Business Development

He has a wealth of banking experience, having worked in the industry for 21 years. He started out working for Lehman Brothers, where he was a Senior Analyst.

Before moving to Redwood Bank, Mark worked for NatWest, securing several different roles during his 13-year tenure.

Mark will work alongside Leon Marklew, Redwood Bank's Director of Business Development.

Leon said: "Mark brings with him a tremendous amount of experience, broker connections and a real 'can do' enthusiasm, which will help the Bank deliver its strategic ambition to be one of the UK's leading Challenger Banks for SMEs.

"His commitment and dedication shone through in his interview, and he has buckets of ambition. We think Mark is an incredibly valuable asset and we're excited to welcome him to the Redwood family and to see him in action."

Mark said: "I am excited to join such a dynamic Bank, with a reputation for excellent customer service. I'm looking forward to supporting brokers and SMEs with the competitive products Redwood has to offer.

"As part of my role, I'll be actively looking to widen the Bank's broker network, while also upskilling the BD team in the south, helping to enhance their knowledge and understanding of deal structures and opportunities."

For further information about Redwood visit [www.redwoodbank.co.uk](http://www.redwoodbank.co.uk).

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**Redwood Bank** was launched in August 2017 with a firm commitment to support Britain's SMEs, a responsibility the Bank continues to stand by. The Bank does this by offering secured SME mortgages for business owners, as well as for experienced commercial and residential property investors. It delivers fast and efficient mortgage decisions to help its business customers seize property opportunities, and also offers competitive business savings accounts. Redwood Bank was founded by Jonathan Rowland and Gary Wilkinson. It has a unique private-public ownership structure in which Warrington Borough Council has a one-third stake.