# **Equity investment and IPO workshop**

Hosted by Development Bank of Wales, Creo Medical Group plc and Cenkos Securities plc

**Date:** Tuesday 23 January 2018

**Time:** 14:00 to 16:00

**Location:** Floor 7

Development Bank of Wales

1 Capital Quarter, Tyndall Street Cardiff, CF10 4BZ

# Do you have ambitions to raise significant equity investment and possibly to list your company on AIM in the future?

Then our workshop is for you.

All sorts of different companies can list on AIM, some are technology-based but many others are established SMEs without technology but with growing revenues and an aspiration to expand into new markets, sectors or locations.

Our workshop provides information on equity fundraising and the practicalities of the IPO process, with insights into the mind of a UK IPO investor.

We are often asked if we can help our clients learn from each-others' experiences and to provide the opportunity to network with each other. With this workshop we would like to share the fund raising experiences of Creo Medical Group plc ("Creo").

The session will be structured as follows:

#### Time

**14:00** Welcome and Introductions (Development Bank of Wales)

**14:15** Creo case study of IPO experience (Creo)

**15:00** IPOs and AIM (Cenkos)

**15:45** Q & A

**16:00** Wrap up and ends.

**RSVP** To reserve your place contact Emily Jones by Wednesday 17 January 2018 via

email: emily.jones@developmentbank.wales

**Directions/parking:** Getting to our Cardiff office.



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Since relocating to Wales for equity investment from the Development Bank of Wales Creo Medical has grown rapidly and is now an AIM listed Medical equipment company with over 45 employees. Creo is pioneering the emerging field of surgical endoscopy, the new frontier of minimally invasive surgery and they have the potential to save thousands of lives.

In a fund-raise led by Cenkos Securities plc, Creo listed on AIM in December 2016 raising gross proceeds of £20 million with cornerstone investment being provided by amongst others Hargreave Hale and the Development Bank of Wales.

### Part 1

### **Creo Medical Group plc**

CEO Craig Guilford and CFO Richard Rees will share their experiences of building the company and it's funding progression through:

- Initial grant funding followed by angel investment.
- Relocation to Chepstow for their first institutional investment from Finance Wales (now the Development Bank of Wales.
- Subsequent co-investment rounds with the Development Bank of Wales and an increased angel syndicate, the Angel Co-Fund, combined with further grant support.
- Bringing in global corporate Pentax Medical/Hoya Group as a corporate investor.
- The decision to list on AIM whilst still pre-revenue (raising £22m) rather than raise a substantial VC round.

#### Part 2

### **Cenkos Securities plc**

Michael Johnson, Sales and Corporate Broking and Camilla Hume, Corporate Finance will explain the process of listing on AIM.

The workshop will cover some of the pros and cons of the different equity funding options and experiences of their first year as a listed company.

