Beale & Company acts on sale of MFD to Thornton Tomasetti

Beale & Company acted for the shareholders of MFD, a UK-based security consultancy, on its sale to Thornton Tomasetti, the international engineering consultancy behind the new US Embassy in London.

MFD specialises in delivering physical, operational and technical security services for the built environment and has provided counter-terrorist measures to protect a number of high-profile, high-risk buildings and premises throughout the UK, the Middle East, Africa and Australasia.

Projects have included the provision of counter-terrorist mitigation measures at Heathrow Terminal 5, physical and electronic security designs for the Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange, security engineering advice and designs for the Tate Modern extension in London, and blast-engineering services for many of the new Crossrail stations.

Following the acquisition, MFD will form a key part of Thornton Tomasetti in Europe, operating alongside Thornton Tomasetti Defence, which provides complementary services in a military context.

Commenting on the acquisition, John Moore, one of MFD’s three directors, said:

“We have retained the services of Beale & Company for many years, and have always found their support professional, efficient, and cost-effective. In our minds, they benefit from being an understated practice, so we welcome this opportunity to sing their praise. On this deal they have provided an excellent, attentive, personable service, advising us on issues ranging from employment contracts to acquisition processes, options and the associated law. I have no hesitation whatsoever in recommending Beale & Company to any practice requiring first-class acquisition legal services.”

James Hutchinson, a corporate Partner at Beale & Company led the team advising the shareholders of MFD.