

Takeover boost for tech firm

VISTA Technology Support has expanded with the acquisition of Irish retail technology support venture Store Computer Technology (SCT).

The deal, the value of which has not been disclosed, further expands Cardiff-based Vista's retail and hospitality support capabilities in Ireland and Europe.

SCT was established in 1994 by John Hogan and has grown substantially over three decades. It provides IT service desk, in-store technology maintenance and technology refresh projects. Its clients include leading Irish and international retail and hospitality brands.

With its head office, service desk, staging centre and warehouses

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based in Dublin, SCT supports more than 7,000 retail and hospitality locations throughout the island of Ireland.

Vista, which has had a long-term partnership relationship with SCT, supports some of the best known firms in the hospitality, entertainment, and pharmacy sectors. In its last financial year to the end of August, 2023, it grew revenues from £24.8m in the previous year to just over £28m, with pre-tax profit climbing from £2.5m to £3.1m. The growing business employs more than 300.

Its acquisition was led by its com-



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mercial director Lucy Mayer, who has extensive experience in merger and acquisitions and corporate finance having previously held senior positions at PwC and Development Bank of Wales.

She said: "I am delighted to have worked with John and his team on this transaction. This acquisition is the natural culmination of many years of close partnership between Vista and SCT."

"We are now really excited to enter

the next chapter of our partnership, which will cement Vista's presence in Ireland and also enable continued investment in SCT to allow for future growth and service enhancement."

Managing director of SCT John Hogan said: "This is great news for our customers, partners and staff. We have enjoyed a successful strategic working partnership with Vista over many years."

"This transaction helps us leverage already existing synergies and pro-

vides the platform for continued growth and exciting new opportunities. It allows SCT to enhance existing services and introduce new innovative offerings both to existing and new customers. It also enables us to offer a seamless service offering to customers who trade in Ireland, UK and Europe.

"We share common goals, and we all look forward to working with James, Lucy and their team in the future."

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AEROSPACE & DEFENCE	ELECTRICITY	GENERAL FINANCIAL	MEDIA	REAL ESTATE
Avon 1280 -2	Drax Gp 568 ½ +12	3i Group £30 ½ -¼	ITV 84 ½ +1 ½	Brit Land 410 ¼ -2 ¾
BAE Systems 1277 ½ +11 ½	SSE 1864 +28	Close Bros 525 ½ +1 ½	Pearson 1019 +12	Hammerson 29 ¼ +¾
Chemring 385 ½ -2 ½	ELECTRONIC & ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT	London StockExch £94 ¾ +¾	Reach 100 % +¾	Land Securities 646 +3
Rolls-Royce 434 % -12 %	Morgan Advanced 327 -2 ½	Man Group 253 ¾ -1 ¾	RELX £34 ¾ -¼	SEGRO 925 ¼ -5 ¾
Senior 163 -¾	Ox Instmnts £25 % +¼	Schroders 395 ¼ +18 %	STV Group 269 -3 ½	SOFTWARE & COMPUTER SERVICES
AIM	Volex 359 +8	GENERAL INDUSTRIALS	WPP 747 +20 %	Computacenter £27 ½ -¾
Johnson Service Grp 160 -¾	EQUITY INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS	Smith (DS) 442 % +5%	MINING	Sage Group 1040 +½
London Security £38	Aberdeen Div Inc & Gro Trust... 45 +½	Smiths Grp 1729 -7	Anglo American £22 % +½	SUPPORT SERVICES
M'S Intl 1135 +35	Alliance Trust 1222 +4	GENERAL RETAILERS	Antofagasta 1899 ½ -98 ½	Bunzl £32 ¼ +¾
Mothercare 4 ¾ -½	Dunedin Inv 291 +1	Currys 77 +¼	BHP Group £21 ¾ -¼	Capita 20 % -½
Nichols 1025 +15	Edin Invst 752 +6	Inchcape 828 -2	Fresnillo 624 ½ -5 ½	De La Rue 96 ¾ +½
Youngs 1000 +4	F&C Investment Trust 1034 -8	Kingfisher 275 % +2	Rio Tinto £50 -5%	Experian £35 -½
BANKS	Henderson Smlr Cos 920 +10	M & S 310 ½ +2 ¼	MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS	Hays 95 ¼ +1 %
Barclays 228 % -2 %	North American Inc 306 +3	Next £89 ¼ -¼	Vodafone Group 70 % +¼	Rentokil 457 ½ +1 %
HSBC Hldgs 663 ½ -3 ¼	Scot Am 518 +1	WH Smith 1277 +39	NONLIFE INSURANCE	RS Group 798 ½ +12 ½
Lloyds Banking Gp 59 ¼ +¾	Scottish Mortgage 862 % -2	HEALTH CARE EQUIPMENT & SERVICES	Admiral Grp £26	RS Group 798 ½ +12 ½
NatWest Group 336 ¼ +7 %	Witan 271 ½ +½	Smith Nph 1102 +13	OIL & GAS PRODUCERS	Smiths News 60 ¼ +½
Standard Chartered 730 % -6	FIXED LINE TELECOMMUNICATIONS	HOUSEHOLD GOODS	BP 459 +6 ¼	Travis & P 920 ½ +10
BEVERAGES	BT Grp 141 +½	Reckitt Benckiser £43 % +¼	Premier Oil 306 % +¼	Zigup 429
Barr (AG) 613 +2	FOOD & DRUG RETAILERS	INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING	TotalEnergies £53 ¾ -¼	TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE & EQUIPMENT
Diageo £25 ¼ +½	Sainsbury 271 +4 ¾	I'MI 1840 +6	Tullow Oil 32 % -½	Spirent Comms 181 ½ -¾
CHEMICALS	Tesco 324 % +3 ¼	Molins 158	OIL EQUIPMENT & SERVICES	TOBACCO
Croda International £41 +½	FOOD PRODUCERS	Renold 54 % -3 %	Petrofac 12 % +½	Br Am Tob £25 ½ +5%
Elementis 98 150 +2 ¾	AB Food £25 ½ +¼	Spirax Group £89 % +¼	Wood Gp(J) 206 % +2 ¼	Imperial Brands £21 +½
Johnsn Mat 1700 +5	Carrs Group 148 +4	Weir Grp 1956 +10	PERSONAL GOODS	TRAVEL & LEISURE
CONSTRUCTION & MATERIALS	REA Hldgs 87 ¾	INDUSTRIAL METALS	Burberry Gp 752 +16 %	Carnival 1294 ½ -19
Balfour Beatty 413 % +5 ¼	Tate Lyle 650 +16 ½	Ferrexpo 55 ¼ +1 ¾	PZ Cussons 107 % +1 ¾	Compass Grp £22 +½
Barratt Devel 498 % +5 ¼	Unilever £45 % +½	LIFE INSURANCE	Astrazeneca £121 ¼ -1 %	easyJet 468 ¾ -17 %
Bellway £27 ¼ +¼	GAS, WATER & MULTIUTILITIES	abrdn 172 +5 ¼	GSK 1530 +1 ½	FirstGroup 171 ¼ -4 ¼
C'R'H £61 % -¾	Centrica 138 % +7%	Aviva 487 +5	INDEX	Intercontl Htls £81 ¾ -2 %
Costain 87 ¾ -¾	National Grid 941 +7 %	Lgl & Gen 228 ½ +1 ½	FTSE 100 8204.89 +17.43	Intl Cons Airl 173 % -½
Marshalls 350 +3 ½	Pennon Grp 665 +19	Prudential 717 ¼ +¾	FTSE 250 21234.16 +140.82	M & S 310 ½ +2 ¼
Persimmon 1536 +34 ½	Severn £25 % +½			National Grid 941 XD +7 ¾
Taylor Wimpey 156 ¼ +¼	United Utils 1028 ½ +15			Pennon Grp 665 +19
				Sainsbury 271 +4 ¾
				Severn £25 % XD +½
				SSE 1864 +28
				Tate Lyle 650 XD +16 ½
				Tesco 324 % +3 ¼
				United Utils 1028 ½ XD +15

MARKET UPDATE

Tourist Rates

Australia 1.83 dollars	India 95.74 rupees
Bangladesh 143.44 taka	Japan 193.09 yen
Canada 1.69 dollars	Mexico 20.52 pesos
China 8.43 yuan	New Zealand 1.99 dollars
Czech Republic 27.62 korunas	Norway 13.29 krone
Denmark 8.44 krone	Pakistan 340.28 rupees
Euro 1.13 euro	South Africa 22.19 rand
Hong Kong 9.63 dollars	Sri Lanka 372.77 rupees
USA 1.24 dollars	Sweden 13.10 krona
	Switzerland 1.09 francs
	Turkey 41.00 new lira

Popular Shares

Admiral Grp £26	
Aviva 487	+5
BAE Systems 1277 ½	+11 ½
BP 459	+6 ¼
BT Grp 141	+½
Centrica 138 %	+7%
GSK 1530	+1 ½
HSBC Hldgs 663 ½	-3 ¼
Intl Cons Airl 173 ¾	-½
M & S 310 ½	+2 ¼
National Grid 941 XD	+7 ¾
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