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(image featuring: Kevin Allen and Amit Bahanda (ABConnexions) + Chris Black and Anthony Peart (Brewin Dolphin))

## RBC Brewin Dolphin Announced as Headline Sponsor of the ABC Awards 2025

ABConnexions is delighted to announce RBC Brewin Dolphin as the headline sponsor for the prestigious ABC Awards 2025, reinforcing a shared commitment to diversity, inclusion, and community empowerment across the North-East.



**Chris Black, Financial Planner (Divisional Director) at RBC Brewin Dolphin's Newcastle Office said:**

"At RBC Brewin Dolphin, diversity and inclusion is more than a value, it is core to our purpose and a fundamental strength of our organisation. Our vision is to be among the most inclusive workplaces and successful companies, putting diversity into action to help employees, clients and communities thrive. We believe that diversity and inclusion is an engine for innovation and economic prosperity. We understand that progress on matters of diversity and inclusion has no finish line and so it is important to work with a range of partners to help us to further our work in this area, which is why we are delighted to be a part of the ABC Awards."

ABConnexions (ABC), a vital not-for-profit organisation, fosters connections and collaboration among businesses, professionals, and entrepreneurs within the North East's ethnic and broader communities. ABC acts as a dynamic platform that promotes growth, innovation, and cultural understanding by facilitating the sharing of knowledge, the exchange of ideas, and access to opportunities across diverse industries.

**Chris Black added,** "We are committed to being a responsible business, from the way we interact with our clients and employees, to how we support our local communities. Therefore, we believe it is important to honour the individuals and organisations that stand united to foster inclusion and promote diversity in all our communities, including the North-East, such as the ABC Awards."

**Amit Bahanda, Director of ABC, expresses his enthusiasm for the ongoing partnership:** "It's fantastic to welcome back RBC Brewin Dolphin as our headline sponsor. Their steadfast commitment to our shared goals of diversity, inclusion, and community engagement significantly enhances our efforts. This partnership is a powerful testament to our shared values, and together, we aim to spotlight and honour the outstanding contributions to our communities."

By supporting people in the North-East to realise their financial ambitions, we not only help more people to enjoy the things that they love but also strengthen financial knowledge and inclusion in the region. Our success in advancing diversity starts within and we thank our 300 North-East based employees who bring our vision, values and strategy to life, so we can give back to our clients and communities.

**Ammar Mirza CBE, Chairman of ABConnexions, shares his excitement:** "Seeing RBC Brewin Dolphin rejoin us as the headline sponsor is truly inspiring. Their support amplifies our commitment to fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion. We look forward to another year."

### ABOUT RBC BREWIN DOLPHIN

RBC Brewin Dolphin is one of the UK and Ireland's leading wealth managers and traces its origins back to 1762. With £57.6bn\* billion in assets under management, it offers award-winning, bespoke wealth management services, including discretionary investment management and financial planning.

Its qualified investment managers and financial planners are based in over 30 offices across the UK, Jersey and Republic of Ireland, with a commitment to high standards of client service, long-term thinking and absolute focus on clients' needs at the core.

As part of Royal Bank of Canada (RBC), RBC Brewin Dolphin is now able to draw on the strength of a global financial institution to enhance the services it provides to clients and to drive further innovation across the business.

\*as at 31st October 2024.

### ABOUT RBC

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Our success comes from the 98,000+ employees who leverage their imaginations and insights to bring our vision, values and strategy to life so we can help our clients thrive and communities prosper. As Canada's biggest bank and one of the largest in the world, based on market capitalization, we have a diversified business model with a focus on innovation and providing exceptional experiences to our more than 18 million clients in Canada, the U.S. and 27 other countries. Learn more at [rbc.com](http://rbc.com).

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