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**Walker Crips Investment Management appoints Ryan Hughes as  
Head of Business Development**

Walker Crips Investment Management announces the appointment of Ryan Hughes as its new Head of Business Development. With a wealth of experience in the financial services sector, Ryan brings a dynamic approach which complements the existing team at Walker Crips.

In his previous post as Head of Business Development at Rowan Dartington DFM, Ryan played a pivotal role in shaping the distribution strategy and successfully integrating the intermediary division into St James's Place, showcasing his strategic acumen and leadership skills.

Ryan Hughes is no stranger to innovation, having founded the successful FinTech startup Play-Ex Sports, a management platform aimed at sports professionals. His entrepreneurial spirit and deep industry knowledge make him a perfect fit for Walker Crips Investment Management as the firm continues to expand its product and service offering to both direct retail customers and intermediaries.

As part of his new role, Ryan will act as a champion of Walker Crips' recently launched **#WalkerCripsInSport** campaign. This initiative represents a commitment to empowering individual athletes and sports teams with sound financial literacy, helping them to secure their financial future beyond their sporting careers.

**Wesley Coultas, Head of Investment Management at Walker Crips, says:**

"Ryan is a welcome addition to our team. His track record in driving growth and his passion for innovation align perfectly with our vision for Walker Crips Investment Management. His expertise will be invaluable as we continue to evolve and expand our product offering to a wider audience."

**Ryan Hughes, Head of Business Development, Walker Crips, says:**

"I am honoured to be a part of the Walker Crips family and I am eager to contribute to the firm's continued success. The opportunity to combine my experience in developing DFM propositions with Walker Crips' longstanding commitment to excellence is truly exciting."

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### **About Walker Crips**

Walker Crips Investment Management Limited is a division of Walker Crips Group plc, a UK public listed company specialising in Investment Management, Financial Planning, Pensions, Structured Investments and technology services. Walker Crips' predecessors first bought and sold shares for clients on the London Stock Exchange in 1914.

Walker Crips Group plc incorporates the following companies which are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

- Walker Crips Investment Management Limited (Member of the London Stock Exchange)
- Walker Crips Financial Planning Limited
- Ebor Trustees Limited (trading as Walker Crips Pensions)
- Barker Poland Asset Management LLP