

# TS Provider to Key Capital Partners on its growth capital investment in Sparta Global



## Deal overview:

Key Capital Partners (KCP) has continued its recent string of new investments backing an innovative provider of specialist IT Services with a £4m equity investment. London-based Sparta Global operates the Sparta Training Academy, a growing IT trainer and provider of IT services. Sparta's clients include private sector firms and government clients, including Channel 4, Three Mobile, and the Ministry of Justice.

The Sparta Academy upskills new IT graduates with intensive in-house training, which enables Sparta to provide blue-chip clients with homegrown, high-calibre IT Consultants. The investment into Sparta Global is highly pertinent in the wake of Brexit, as the demand for homegrown talent increases.

The deal sees KCP acquire a significant minority stake in the business, which currently employs 160 staff, backing the management team and co-founders, David Rai, (CEO) and Tim Staton (CTO). The investment will fund further expansion, including the opening of new training centres in Leeds and Birmingham that will create a further 100 jobs in 2018, making Sparta Global one of the largest graduate employers within the UK.

## About the parties:

The Sparta Global Academy model sources high aptitude UK university graduates and puts them through up to 12 weeks of intense, internally developed training in Software Development, Software Testing, Project Management, Business Analysis and DevOps. This intensive training programme, led by trainers with a wealth of experience and knowledge, enables Sparta Global to provide blue-chip clients with homegrown, bright, career focused IT Consultants. Spartans are equipped with the technical and analytical skills required to be productive Developers, Testers, Business Analysts and DevOps consultants.

Key Capital Partners are an experienced investment team in the UK and a leading player in the smaller buy-out market. Their highly experienced team, all successful entrepreneurs and private equity investors, provide expertise and connections that make a real difference.

James Excell, Investment Director at KCP said:

**"The Wilson Partners team quickly grasped the key issues and provided invaluable support to KCP throughout the transaction."**

Dan James, Head of Transaction Services at Wilson Partners added: **"Sparta Global is a trusted brand in a market with huge growth potential. David, Tim and KCP are understandably very excited about the future. It was a pleasure to work with all of them."**