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H2O EXTENDS A WARM WELCOME TO ANNA OBOLENSKY, THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE TEAM.

Anna joins the company as an investment manager with special responsibility for developing the technology scouting practice. A microbiology honours graduate from London University, Anna has been involved in the biotechnology sector at many levels. She has worked as an editor and freelance writer on a journal covering medical and industrial applications of microbial research, and later, while living in Hong Kong, on *Asian News*, a publication covering medical articles of specific relevance to Asia.



Anna also has extensive experience in the commercial sector, having worked for the Wellcome Foundation in London, Porton International Plc Far East in Hong Kong, and on her return to the UK, at the international headquarters of Porton International in London before returning to academic life and completing an MSc. in Clinical Immunology at King's College, London and a DPhil. in Immunopathology at Keble College, Oxford. After completion of her studies, Anna was appointed as project manager in pharmaceutical business development for Visiongain, a specialist business information company in London, working with a team of report writers and conference organisers, whose main emphasis was tailored consultancy, assisting pharmaceutical companies with commercial decision-making.

At H2O, Anna will continue to build upon links between the pharmaceutical sector and publicly funded research. David Kelly, Chief Executive of H2O, said, "Anna brings with her a wide range of experience from a busy and varied career, and we believe she will be a great asset to the company".

H2O is able to search the whole of the publicly funded research base, as it has no exclusive institutional links. This, coupled with H2O's technical and commercial understanding of early-stage technologies, enables it to systematically scout for technology for individual corporate partners in any sector. Where appropriate, H2O can also invest in and lead the commercialisation of these technologies in collaboration with the corporate partner.

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