



YFM funds back £3.5 million high security MBI

An encouraging end to another challenging but successful year, as funds managed by YFM Group invested in deals worth £49 million over the last 12 months.

Funds managed by YFM, British Smaller Companies VCT (BSC VCT), British Smaller Technology Companies VCT2 (BSTC VCT2) and Chandos Fund, have completed the £3.5 million MBI of Deep-Secure Limited.

Based in Reading, Deep-Secure's market leading products protect against threats to security via high defence network border gateway technology, which enables customers to maintain network separation and apply content inspection so as to defend sensitive and protected information from intruders. The all equity deal will enable further technological development of their cutting edge products.

As working practices change and more information is shared electronically, increasing levels of exposure to leakage and attack demands more businesses rely on higher levels of security to protect their data.

Serial software entrepreneur Richard Beaton, Chairman, and Kieron Sambrook-Smith, CEO, previously worked together at defence and security software company Boldon James. This is the third investment YFM has completed involving Richard Beaton following the success of high end construction software businesses Intuita and Tekton Group.

"We are delighted to be working with Richard again." says Nigel Barraclough, Investment Director YFM, "His expertise, acumen and attitude provide the grounds for a great working relationship whenever we work together. Deep-Secure is going to be an interesting and exciting company to work with, the future developments will see ground-breaking technology reach highly sensitive markets, changing the way companies defend their intelligence."

"During my last two ventures I developed a strong relationship with YFM. Both parties have a mutual understanding of how and where we see the business propositions going, even when times get incredibly tough YFM can still be relied upon and I hope to work with them again in the future." Richard Beaton, Deep-Secure.

In 2009 funds managed by YFM Group completed 74 investments in deals worth £49m across the UK.