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Legal management experts Jomati Consultants and Altman Weil have agreed an alliance with Bruce MacEwan, the founder of US legal website Adam Smith Esq.

Jomati and US affiliate Altman Weil have agreed a deal that will see MacEwan act as lead consultant for the group in New York. Adam Smith was launched by MacEwan – a former in-house securities lawyer at Morgan Stanley – in late 2003.

It is widely regarded as a leading commentator on law firm economics in the US. Commenting on the new alliance, Altman Weil principal Ward Bower said: “[MacEwan] is a true thought-leader on issues of strategic importance to the legal profession and [this agreement] increases the scope and depth of resources we can offer our major law firm clients.”

MacEwan added: “With our strategic alliance we are able to provide our clients with the depth and breadth of service that they need at a time when the international legal marketplace is undergoing a period of major change.”

Jomati was set up in 2002 by Tony Williams (pictured), the former global managing partner of Clifford Chance and ex-chief of Anderson Legal, acting almost exclusively in the legal trade.

It formed the alliance with Altman Weil, which has been advising law firms since the 1970s, in 2005.