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**Holbrook & Manter, CPAs (H&M)**, a professional services firm with over 100 years of market presence, and **Blair Carlisle**, a cutting-edge global leader in cybersecurity, risk, and compliance consulting services, are joining forces. The entities will work together to serve the needs of organizations seeking cybersecurity risk and compliance services. The firms' client base spans multiple continents and includes small and large companies from various SaaS, healthcare, fintech, managed services, education, and Silicon Valley tech startups.

The **H&M** and **Blair Carlisle** teams have been working with clients across the globe, delivering high-level technology risk advisory and compliance services for years. The demand for such services has only continued to grow as the dynamic cyber threat landscape presents businesses in every sector with significant challenges. Principals of H&M and Blair Carlisle have recognized that the complementary service offerings of their firms will allow for seamless and comprehensive business advisory, cybersecurity risk, and compliance solutions for clients.

The joint venture will allow the firms to offer a coordinated variety of services, including cybersecurity compliance, penetration testing, privacy compliance services such as CCPA and GDPR, and risk assessments against a variety of standards such as NIST CSF, NIST 800-171, HIPAA, ISO27001, CMMC, and more.

"We've been quietly working with **H&M** for many years, but the need for companies to find a trusted advisor to help them understand and address cyber risk has reached an urgent level. The massive shortage of qualified professionals further complicates the issue of providing these services. Working with **H&M** provides us with the opportunity to have a deep bench of advisors and practitioners that can address a multitude of risk and compliance issues for our clients. Culturally our firms share the same values and ethics, and we are both relationship-focused when working with clients to ensure they are successful for the long term." - **Pete Rife, CISSP, CISA, CDPSE, President & CEO, Blair Carlisle**

Seasoned consultants and practitioners with decades of experience back the joint venture, having performed engagements for clients ranging from fortune 500 to startups. The combined credentials held by team members include the following and more: Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), Certified Data Privacy Systems Engineer (CDPSE), ISO 27001 Certified Lead Auditor, Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), and Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA).

**Mark Welp, CPA, CFE, Audit & Assurance Principal with H&M** adds, "Our current and future clients will benefit from the decades of experience that Blair Carlisle has in delivering cybersecurity and technology compliance solutions across multiple different industries."

**Stephen Smith, CPA, CGMA, MBA, CVA Principal with H&M shares**, "H&M and Blair Carlisle have been working together over the years, and we are delighted to move the relationship forward with this joint venture. The synergies and benefits it will create are very exciting for our current and future clients."

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