

# Venture capital firm opens office in former Rover's Return set

A venture capital business has opened a new office in Manchester city centre in a building once used for the interior of Coronation Street's Rover's Return.

DSW Ventures, which is part of the Dow Schofield Watts network, has taken space in the city's historic Bonded Warehouse – which was also previously home to the L&NW Railway.

The team will retain its existing space in Dow Schofield Watts' Daresbury headquarters.

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The company's North West portfolio includes Avanite, Shopblocks and The Insights Family.

The move comes as the firm expands its team with the appointment of Emma Cassidy as an investment executive.

She was previously an assistant manager at KPMG in Manchester.

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Partner Keith Benson said: “January 2022 marks another significant step in the growth of our business.

“We are a very selective investor, choosing only the very best opportunities on behalf of our investors.

“We wanted to give the team a wonderful setting in Manchester, creating even stronger links with the city region’s thriving start-up scene, and the Bonded Warehouse fitted the bill perfectly.

“At the same time, we are equally concerned to hire only the very best talent, and Emma Cassidy is another example of excellence in our team.”

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