

## **Frenkel Topping Group plc**

**("Frenkel Topping", the "Company" or the "Group")**

### **Ascencia Investment Management Wins Prestigious Defaqto Award**

Frenkel Topping (AIM: FEN), a specialist financial and professional services firm operating within the personal injury and clinical negligence marketplace, is pleased to announce that its discretionary fund management subsidiary, Ascencia Investment Management, has been awarded the 2024 Winner of the Defaqto Defensive Comparator Sector.

As previously announced, Ascencia has also achieved a significant milestone, reaching £1 billion in assets under management as of 31st December 2024 and will seek to build on this momentum in the current financial year.

#### **Defaqto Award Recognition**

Defaqto, a leading UK financial information and ratings company, has recognised Ascencia's excellence in defensive investment strategies, something which is key to the Company's underlying client base. The Defaqto MPS Comparator Awards are based on robust risk-adjusted performance metrics over a five-year period.

Ascencia has been awarded:

- **Defaqto Defensive Comparator Sector – Winner:**  
Ascencia Portfolio of Sharia Compliant Solutions 4
- **Defaqto Defensive Comparator Sector – Highly Commended:**  
Ascencia Safety First 3 portfolio

#### **Assets Under Management Milestone**

As announced in its trading update on 3 February 2025, Ascencia, is delighted to have achieved the milestone of £1 billion in assets under management as of 31st December 2024. This milestone is a testament to the trust and confidence clients place in Ascencia's investment philosophy, which prioritises capital preservation and a smoother investment journey for a client base that are often vulnerable having suffered huge loss through personal injury or clinical negligence.

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## **About Frenkel Topping Group**

The Frenkel Topping Group of companies specialises in providing financial advice and asset protection services to clients at times of financial vulnerability, with particular expertise in the field of personal injury (PI) and clinical negligence (CN).

For more than 30 years the Group has worked with legal professionals and injured clients themselves to provide pre-settlement, at-settlement and post-settlement services to help achieve the best long-term outcomes for clients after injury. It boasts a client retention rate of 99%.

Frenkel Topping Group is focused on consolidating the fragmented PI and CN space in order to provide the most comprehensive suite of services to clients and deliver a best in-class service offering from immediately after injury or illness and for the rest of their lives.

The Group's services include the Major Trauma Signposting Partnership service inside NHS Major Trauma Centres, expert witness, costs, tax and forensic accountancy, independent financial advice, investment management, and care and case management.

The Group's discretionary fund manager, Ascencia, manages financial portfolios for clients in unique circumstances, often who have received a financial settlement after litigation. In recent years Ascencia has diversified its portfolios to include a Sharia-lawcompliant portfolio and a number of ESG portfolios in response to increased interest in socially responsible investing (SRI).

Frenkel Topping has earned a reputation for commercial astuteness underpinned by a strong moral obligation to its clients, employees and wider society, with a continued focus on its Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) impact.

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