



# ACCESS HOLDINGS ANNOUNCES THE ADDITION OF SAM TIDSWELL-NORRISH AS PARTNER

- Strategic appointment following the successful exit of American Student Transportation Partners (ASTP) marks continued focus on bringing leading talent to the lower-middle market

**Baltimore, MD – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025** – Today, Access Holdings (“Access”), an alternative asset manager providing investors with access to the lower-middle market, announced the appointment of Sam Tidswell-Norrish as Partner. In this role, Tidswell-Norrish will lead the firm’s fundraising, investor relations, and marketing & communications functions, bringing a wealth of experience and a forward-thinking perspective to the next generation of alternatives.

Access invests in essential services companies across North America, applying modern capabilities and significant add-on activity to scale the portfolio. Tidswell-Norrish’s leadership and experience will be instrumental as Access continues to develop its brand, grow its talent, and expand digital value-creation capabilities for both portfolio companies and investors.

“We are thrilled to welcome Sam to Access,” said Kevin McAllister, Founder & Managing Partner of Access Holdings. “His track record of building world-class investor platforms and his deep understanding of building a strong brand in private markets will be vital as we continue to scale our impact and deliver long-term value for our investors. Sam’s experience creating a culture intensely focused on investor value is an exciting reinforcement of how we have built Access since our early days as an independent sponsor.”

Most recently, Tidswell-Norrish served as a senior leader and part of the founding team of Motive Partners, a specialist private equity firm focused on financial technology investments across venture, growth, and buyout that manages nearly \$8 billion. He held this role from the firm’s inception in 2015 until the end of 2024. During his tenure, he helped build a differentiated brand known for its model and financial technology value creation capabilities, and played leadership roles in various parts of the platform’s growth, from Investor Relations to the innovation division. It also included an additional leadership role at portfolio company Dun & Bradstreet International as EVP & CMO.

“It’s a privilege to join the Access Holdings leadership team,” said Sam Tidswell-Norrish, Partner at Access Holdings. “I have a deep conviction in the potential value within the lower-middle market, and in Access Holdings’ model to address that opportunity. Having known Kevin for many years, and having admired the firm’s data-driven, thesis-first investment approach to building businesses, I could not be more excited to work with the team to accelerate Access’s mission to build digitally enabled, high-growth businesses in the lower-middle market.”

Prior to Motive Partners, Tidswell-Norrish was a member of the leadership team at fintech Monitise and worked at Barclays Capital earlier in his career.

Recent Access portfolio company liquidity events include the exit of American Student Transportation Partners (ASTP) to CVC DIF and Kuvare’s asset management partial-exit to Blue Owl Capital.

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## **About Access Holdings**

Access Holdings is a next-generation alternative asset manager providing investors with access to the lower middle market. Founded in 2013, Access Holdings has approximately \$2.3 billion in assets under management. The firm implements its data-driven operating model – The Access Edge – to partner with lower middle market businesses in industries essential to economic growth and resilience. For more information, please visit [www.accessholdings.com](http://www.accessholdings.com).