

Firm's name goes up in lights at Everton ground

Long-term deal with Premier League club includes branding at stadium and working with sporting charity

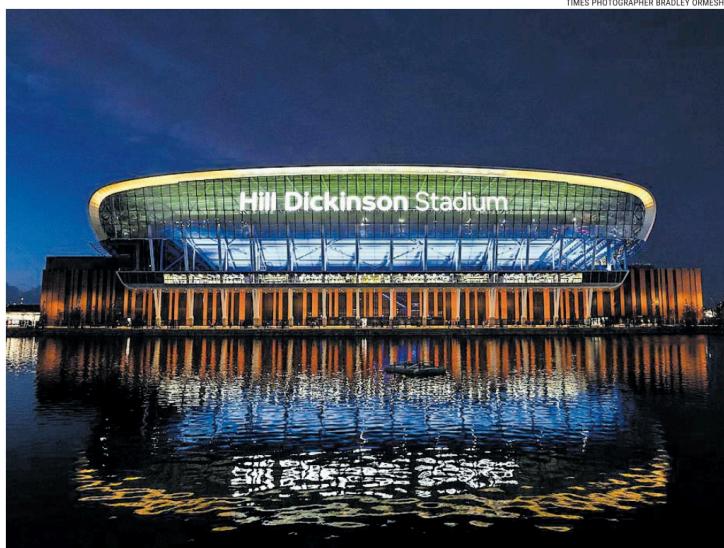
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Turnover £172.1 million
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This Liverpool-headquartered firm became a household name for football fans this year with the opening of the Hill Dickinson Stadium. Everton's new £800 million stadium at Bramley-Moore Dock in Liverpool bears the firm's name after the announcement in May of a long-term partnership between it and the club, which included naming rights.

Beyond branding, the partnership will involve working with Everton in the Community, the club's charitable arm, to support social impact and regeneration initiatives across Merseyside, including projects focused on youth opportunity, education and health.

The firm reported record turnover of £172.1 million for the past financial year, an 18 per cent increase from the



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The £800 million Hill Dickinson Stadium at Bramley-Moore Dock in Liverpool

year before. Net profit rose by 13 per cent to £60.9 million.

Hill Dickinson represented the Vatican's secretariat of state in the High Court in proceedings brought by the British-Italian financier Raffaele Mincione — the first time the institution has faced trial in the English courts in its 2,000-year

history. Mincione brought the case to defend his reputation after being convicted of embezzlement by a Vatican tribunal in 2023. That case related to the Holy See's £275 million purchase of a former Harrods warehouse in Chelsea in 2018, through companies linked to him.

In the so-called "trial of the

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A climb in turnover and net profit was reported

century" in Italy, the Vatican claimed Mincione had overvalued the property and used Vatican investment funds under his management to finance the purchase, amounting to a conflict of interest. The Vatican made a loss of about £120 million when it sold the property in 2022 for £186 million. Mincione was given a five-and-a-half-year prison sentence but remains free pending an appeal.

After a 17-day trial in February, Mr Justice Robin Knowles rejected the Vatican's allegations of conspiracy and fraud against Mincione but found that he and his companies had not acted in good faith, had "put their own interests first" and that the Vatican had been "utterly let down".

The Indonesian navy's seizure of a cargo ship, which anchored in its waters without permission in 2019, led to an insurance battle that was finally resolved in the Court of Appeal in July.

Hill Dickinson acted for Delos Shipholding, the owners of the Win Win, against its insurers, Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty, and others, who claimed that the vessel's detention was not covered by the war-risks policy under which it was insured.

The court upheld the shipowners' \$37.5 million claim.

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