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## Marcum merges with Braintree specialty accounting firm

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The international professional services firm Marcum LLP has merged with Guyder Hurley PC, a Braintree-based accounting firm that specializes in the affordable housing industry.

The merger, announced Monday, bulks up New York-based Marcum's headcount in the Boston market. Guyder Hurley's 17 associates have joined the approximately 150 that Marcum already had in Massachusetts, according to Business Journal research. The merger was effective March 1.

As of earlier this year, Marcum was the 15th-largest accounting firm in the Bay State.

Founded in 2000, Guyder Hurley's clients include public housing authorities, community development organizations, and federal, state and local affordable housing developments. Its services include compliance audits, bookkeeping and consulting.

The firm's affordable housing focus lines up nicely with Marcum's government services group, as well as its nonprofit and social sector group, Marcum chairman and CEO Jeffrey Weiner said in a statement. Marcum already counts public housing authorities as clients, according to the firm.

Michael Guyder, one of the firm's namesakes, has joined Marcum as a partner. In a statement, he said teaming with Marcum appealed to him because of "the ability they give us to expand our service profile nationally."