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## Skoda Minotti plans to rebrand after merger with public accounting firm

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Skoda Minotti, a Cleveland-based accounting and business advisory firm with an office in Tampa, is merging with Marcum LLP, a public accounting firm, effective Tuesday.

The merger adds 31 partners, more than 190 associates and four offices to Marcum's Midwest and Florida regions. Skoda will rebrand as Marcum LLP with signage changing in the coming months, said Dan Dowell, Tampa office managing partner for Skoda. He will continue to lead Tampa's office after the merger.

The addition of Skoda will provide Marcum's clients additional geographic reach, a wider range of expertise, service offerings and improved client experience, the company said in a statement.

"One of the things we're very excited about is that we're going to be able to bring more resources to our clients," Dowell said.

The deal will help Marcum expand its Midwest region outside of the Chicago area and in Florida. The company now has offices in Miami, Coral Gables, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach, in addition to its Tampa office.

The company does not expect any staff reductions due to the merger; in fact, the company sees the deal to be a growth opportunity, Dowell said. He said the company expects to hire new positions, but could not provide a number.

Skoda Minotti's Patrick T. Carney will join Marcum as chief operating officer of Marcum's Midwest region. Gregory J. Skoda, Skoda's chairman and co-founder, will join Marcum as a senior partner and a member of the firm's executive committee.

Skoda Minotti <u>opened a large office in Tampa</u> in 2013 after acquiring Baumann Raymond & Co., Dowell & Perez PA and Assurance Concepts. It originally enter Tampa in 2012 <u>after merging with Baumann Raymondo.</u>