

**bto's Edinburgh property team grows with double appointment**



*From left: Elaine Del Valle, Alan Borthwick and Graeme Kelly*

**bto** solicitors has announced the appointments of **Graeme Kelly** and **Elaine Del Valle** as it looks to grow its Edinburgh based property team.

Joining from **DWF** (formerly Biggart Baillie) as a partner, Mr Kelly has 25 years' experience working in the commercial real estate and property markets, in particular providing expertise to clients in the hospitality and retail sectors.

He has experience in acting for developers, investors and funders and brings to **bto** a specialism in the development, operation and financing of hotels and other leisure and licensed premises, holiday parks and care homes, advising clients from major national brands to small independent operators.

With a wealth of experience in residential conveyancing work, Ms Del Valle joins as an associate from **Pagan Osborne** to lead and develop **bto's** residential conveyancing practice in its Edinburgh office.

Her areas of expertise include the purchase and sale of residential properties, transfer of titles, remortgaging, executry conveyancing and property transfers as a result of separation and divorce. She also has experience in shared equity and Help to Buy schemes.

**bto's chairman, Alan Borthwick**, said: "The arrival of Graeme and Elaine is a significant milestone in the development of our Edinburgh property team and we are thrilled they have chosen to join us.

"Both are highly-regarded in their field and their wide-ranging expertise is a valuable addition to the team."

The firm also announced a raft of promotions: **Caroline Earnshaw** of the construction and engineering team in bto's Edinburgh office has been promoted to associate, whilst the Glasgow office saw **Calum Sweeney** and **Angus Gillies** of the insurance team, **Lindsay MacNeill** of the health and safety team, and **Ross Campbell** of the cCommercial litigation team all promoted to senior solicitors.