

Olive Group among the first to be SIA accredited in close protection

Olive Group Limited is one of the first companies in the UK to be accredited under the Security Industry Authority's (SIA) Approved Contractor Scheme (ACS) for close protection services.

The SIA was set up in 2003 under the Private Security Industry Act 2001 to regulate the private security industry in the UK. The SIA licenses individuals to be able to work in the private security industry and also set up the ACS as a rigorous quality scheme specific to security companies.

Obtaining accreditation as an Approved Contractor demonstrates that a company has the highest standards in corporate strategy, internal processes, commercial relationship management, financial and resource management, staff vetting, training and development, leadership and corporate social responsibility.

Assessment is carried out by independent assessors, in Olive's case the National Security Inspectorate, who have been carrying out audits of the UK security industry for over 30 years.

Olive passed all 89 of the exacting standards and the independent assessor highlighted Olive's use of

leading edge technology, the comprehensive nature of its security operation standard operating procedures and the high calibre of its staff as key areas in which Olive excels.

Christopher St. George, Managing Director of Olive Group, said that *"This is a significant achievement for Olive Group which demonstrates our commitment to the highest ethical and corporate standards."*

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Olive Group is a global provider of integrated security and risk mitigation solutions that enable governments, non-governmental and international organisations, and commercial customers to assure high-value assets. The company offers an array of security services and technology-enabled solutions to support critical infrastructure protection, post-conflict reconstruction, humanitarian work and emerging market opportunities. Olive Group operates in over thirty countries with principal offices in Dubai, London and Washington, D.C.