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HACKFORD LAUNCHES MCP FOR AI AGENTS TO SEARCH FCA REGISTER DATA

New connection gives AI agents like Claude and ChatGPT a joined market map of 90,000+ FCA firms, 23,000+ SEC advisers and 82,000+ senior managers

Hackford has launched Hackford MCP, giving AI agents a direct connection to one of the richest joined datasets on the UK and US financial-services market. Users can search FCA Register data in plain English, refine the answer with an agent and turn the result into a watchlist, saved search or export without leaving the conversation.

The launch changes FCA research from single-firm or person lookup into an agent workflow. A job that once meant searching the Register, opening dozens of profiles, copying records into a spreadsheet and joining them to company data can now start with a sentence. For consultants, regulatory technology teams, recruiters, investors, and sales teams working with FCA-regulated firms, that means the potential to turn hours of manual research into minutes.

The public FCA Register is designed for lookups. Users can search by firm name, individual name, firm reference number or individual reference number, with an optional location. It does not provide market-wide filters for firm type, regulatory permissions, senior-manager appointments, financial data or appointed-representative relationships.

Hackford licenses the FCA Register Extract Service and has done the expensive, technical work of making the data useful at market scale. Its proprietary firm types classify regulated businesses by what they actually do — wealth managers, hedge fund managers, insurance brokers, regulatory hosts and more — not just by legal or regulatory status. Hackford joins those classified firms to senior managers and role history, permissions, appointed-representative and principal relationships, Companies House accounts and company records, SEC adviser filings and regulated AUM, websites and contact information, and change data.

Model Context Protocol (MCP) is a standard that lets compatible AI applications connect to external data and tools. Hackford MCP gives AI agents structured access to Hackford's data. The agent can query the data, inspect the results, refine the search, cross-reference firms and people, and prepare the next output.

Hackford MCP can support questions and tasks such as:

- Map regulatory hosts and their appointed-representative networks, including current SMF16 and SMF17 holders.
- Find FCA-regulated firms that are also SEC RIAs or ERAs, then narrow them to firms with more than $1bn in regulated AUM.
- Build a target list of active insurance brokers with a chosen permission profile, add the results to a watchlist and export the firms, key people and relationship counts.

"More and more of my work happens in an agent interface such as Claude, Codex or ChatGPT, and that is true for lots of people I speak to. We want to make sure Hackford's data on financial-services firms is available where people need it," said Dan Robinson, founder and CEO of Hackford.

"Hackford MCP means users can query our data directly with their agent of choice, create watchlists and saved searches, and export the data in the format they need. For people using it, the productivity boost can be incredible. Work that previously took hours of searching, refining and copying data can happen inside one conversation."

"A GAME CHANGER" FOR FCA REGISTER RESEARCH

Director of Business Development at Leo Regtech, Luke Shepherd, tested Hackford MCP and called it "a game changer".

"It took two seconds to connect to Hackford and start querying the FCA Register data in natural language," Shepherd wrote. "Natural language becomes the query language. I do not need to know the field names, the filter syntax or how the data is structured underneath."

"An agent with an MCP connection runs the whole refinement cycle for you while you describe what you want in a sentence. If you can get all of this set up, then your research can be fully automated and save you hours of time every single week. For me it is a game changer and was too good not to share!"

Read Luke Shepherd's article: An MCP Server: Supercharging Your Search of the FCA Register Data.

ABOUT HACKFORD

Hackford is a UK and US financial services data and market intelligence platform. Its mission is to make the financial-services market legible for humans and agents. Hackford joins licensed and public regulatory records, proprietary Firm types, people, relationships, company financials and change data into one searchable product.

Teams use Hackford to find the right firms and people, understand the context around them, track what changes and know when to act — whether they are building a target market, preparing client work, mapping a sector, recruiting regulated leaders or monitoring an existing portfolio.

Availability — Hackford MCP is live in beta. Hackford is onboarding existing subscribers and new customers who want to use AI agents to work with FCA and SEC market data. Learn more, book a demo or request access at hackforddata.com/mcp.

Compatible AI tools — Hackford MCP has been tested with ChatGPT, Codex and Claude.

Media kit and demo — Product information, logos and media assets are available at hackforddata.com/press.

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