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**Video call fatigue? Firms accelerate in-person ideation with GFT's new regional innovation hub in Manchester**

- Clients from across financial services, insurance, and manufacturing to benefit from access to **world-class engineering** skills and experience **on their doorstep**
- Employees can find **localised career development opportunities** within a global IT services and software engineering firm
- **New hybrid working model** provides flexibility and work / life balance

London, 02 September 2021 – With the pandemic triggering a significant increase in tech investment across the country, demand is growing for cloud, application development and data specialists. In the age of constant online video meetings, clients value having access to local technical specialists to innovate and solve problems face-to-face.

To better support this demand [GFT](#) is establishing several regional customer innovation facilities across the UK. The new hubs will **create [new job opportunities](#)**, serving clients in the financial services, insurance and manufacturing sectors. The first hub is in Spinningfields, the corporate epicentre of **Manchester** and will be operational from 6 September.

Carlton Hopper, UK Managing Director, commented: "I believe the new GFT regional customer innovation hubs will enable us to help more clients to achieve their technology modernisation objectives quickly and confidently. We are on an aggressive recruitment drive to support rising client demand. Manchester, here we come. Keep watching; there's more to share."

Christopher Ortiz, Group Chief Executive, Global Markets and Region Manager APAC & UK concluded: "We are always looking to be close to our customers. We want to be by their side through every important IT decision. How better to achieve this than by making the team far more accessible. The past year has presented many challenges to us all, but we have learnt and adapted to new collaborative ways of working. The regional office expansion will further enhance our flexible, hybrid working model. The result will be a more positive work / life balance for all."

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With its in-depth technological expertise, profound market know-how and strong partnerships, GFT implements scalable IT solutions to increase productivity. This provides clients with faster access to new IT applications and innovative business models, while also reducing risk.

Founded in 1987 and now located in 16 countries to ensure close proximity to its clients, GFT employs over 7,000 experts worldwide. GFT provides them with career opportunities in all areas of software engineering and innovation. The GFT Technologies SE share is listed in the Prime Standard segment of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (ticker: GFT-XE).

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