

Host unveils new-look management team

Host Contract Management has announced several new appointments to its senior management team, strengthening the company's national sales and operations functions.

Alan McDonald becomes regional director for Scotland. McDonald, 42, joins Host from Elinor where he was operations director for Scotland. Based in Newton Mearns, Glasgow, he has also worked with Sodexo and brings over 23 years of contract catering experience to Host. McDonald will oversee operations and sales in Scotland.

Paul Blacker, 53, becomes operations director ? south, from his previous position as operations group manager for Baxter Storey. Jon Fassam, 32, becomes operations manager ? south, also from Baxter Storey. Blacker and Fassam join the client-focused team headed by UK operations director Deborah Homshaw.

Two former Aramark sales executives have joined Host this month. Martin Jones, 43, as sales director ? south, from a previous job as Aramark regional sales director, and Dave Croshaw, 44, who becomes sales director ? north, also from a previous position as sales director for Aramark. Both Jones and Croshaw join the Host sales team who report to UK sales director Andrew Scott.

There have been two internal promotions at Host. Tim Priestman, 50, becomes operations director ? North and Donna Debenedictis, 41, becomes senior operations manager.

Host CEO Bill Toner said: "We have now put together a team of people who know the market and who bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to Host.

"Our aim is to deliver on the promises we make, become an extension to our clients' team, be approachable and to work with our clients in providing the catering service that they want. I'm confident our new-look team will deliver this pledge and enable us to carry out our strategy for growth in the UK."

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EDITOR'S NOTE

ABOUT HOST

Host is an independent, nationally based, environmentally friendly contract catering company founded in 2004. The company, headed up by former Aramark UK CEO Bill Toner, has contracts in Scotland, Wales and mainland England including business & industry, directors and partners dining rooms, conference facilities, independent (prep, senior and 6th form) schools, state schools, further and higher education, and the healthcare industry in care homes, hospices and hospitals.

The Host organisation looks after over 85 contracts and employs over 550 staff and is based in Liss in Hampshire.

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