

## Host acquires Style Services Group

**Host Management** has announced it has acquired the trade and assets of the Hertfordshire-based Style Services Group, which holds catering and vending contracts in business and industry, the government sector, leisure and retail.

Style Services was founded in 2007 by John Rathbone, Ruth Fenton and Jim Walker. The business employs 95 people and has a combined turnover of £1.9m.

Style's contracts include the Highways Agency Regional Offices in Manchester and Bedford, the Home Office National Police Database in Hendon and the Department for Transport in Westminster.

Style also holds the catering contract at Wedgwood, Waterford and Royal Doulton near Stoke-on-Trent where it operates a staff restaurant, visitor centre restaurant, coffee shop and vending facilities.

Following the acquisition John Rathbone has joined Host as Client Relations Director, while Ruth Fenton has moved into the role of Purchasing Manager. Jim Walker left Style in 2009.

Said Host CEO Bill Toner: "We welcome the Style business and staff into Host Management. This is a good strategic fit and we are delighted that Host will also benefit from the combined experience of both John and Ruth. For Style's existing contracts it is very much business as usual but with the additional backup and support of a larger, national organisation.

"Host continues to go from strength to strength. We are actively pursuing our policy for growth " both organically through additional contract wins, and via acquisitions."

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### EDITOR'S NOTE

Host Management is an independent, nationally based, 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. Last year Host acquired Couture and Juice for Life, trading as OJ's, taking Host into leisure and heritage sites. [www.hostmgt.com](http://www.hostmgt.com)