

Building on progress

Synseal Group has announced the appointment of Matthew Mycock as CEO in a permanent capacity. Mycock has a wealth of board experience, including as managing director for Plumbing Trade Supplies, a business unit at Travis Perkins, managing director at Autoglass, and managing director at Frontline Group, the UK's largest magazine distributor. His early career was spent in fast moving consumer goods, including spells at Levi Strauss, Diageo and Mars Confectionery. Synseal Group chairman, Adrian Fawcett, says: "Matthew is well placed to lead the group through its next exciting chapter of cultural and business change, supporting new routes to market, and re-energising growth in sales across all product categories with new business partners." Mycock will replace Deborah Kemp who has been interim CEO at Synseal Group since September. Fawcett says: "I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Matthew to the group and thank Deborah for her leadership and support over her short but significant tenure." Commenting on his appointment, Mycock says: "I am delighted to be



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joining Synseal Group at such an exciting time for the business. I am really looking forward to building on the progress already achieved by Deborah and the team with the aim of delivering the very best products and service to our customers." □

Joining champions

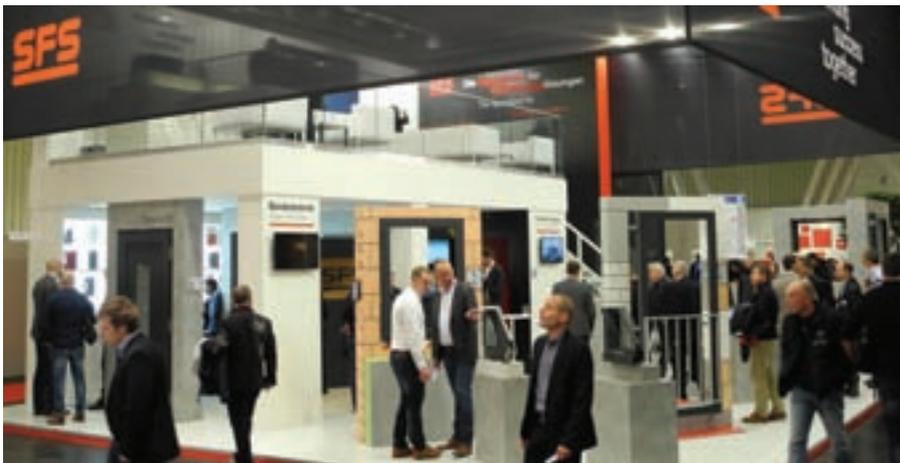
Jon Vanstone has been appointed new chair of Certass. Vanstone joins Certass with a wealth of industry knowledge and he holds several positions in trade bodies and associations. He is chair of the Trade Association Forum (TAF) and the Competent Persons Forum (CPF), Trustmark director and RoofCert delivery director. Vanstone says: "Certass as an organisation appealed to me because it champions the local installation companies that are dedicated to great workmanship and best practice. Going forward, we want to continue to promote members and grow our services to ensure that Certass membership offers real value to home improvement companies."



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As well as growing Certass' current offering, Vanstone will work with the team to plan ahead for future regulation and best practice improvements. His existing industry positions mean that Certass members will be some of the most well-informed tradesmen in the UK, helping them to prepare their businesses for exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

Jason Clemmit, managing director at Certass says: "We're really pleased to have Jon on-board as part of the Certass team. We're focused on using our combined industry and technical knowledge to create new ways to help installers get even more out of their membership and grow their businesses." □



SFS has reported a successful four days at Fensterba. Nigel Wood, Director of sales – hinge and fastening technology at SFS says: "It was fantastic to see such a high level of interest in our hinge technology range across all four days of Fensterbau. "Our European designed and manufactured products truly have raised the bar in terms of a hinge's build quality, adjustability and visual appeal and we look forward to expanding our relationships with UK architects, joinery manufacturers and door fabricators." □

Pluck resigns

Phil Pluck, group chief executive of the Glass and Glazing Federation (GGF) left the organisation suddenly on 12th April after less than a year in the post.

Pluck joined the organisation in May 2017. He has introduced a substantial change programme at the GGF bringing together the commercial companies of GGF and its membership side. He also brought in a new senior management team as part of a complete re-structure programme.

In a statement Pluck said: "The GGF Group is now in the best shape it has been for years and is ideally positioned to grow its influence and value to its members and customers. A new management team is in place and has the skills and commitment to realise the potential of the GGF Group for the benefit of its customers, members and the industry. I am immensely sad to be leaving such a great organisation and its people but for personal reasons this is the right time to be departing. The GGF Group is a fantastic organisation and I wish it the very best for the future."

GGF President John Agnew, said: "Under the leadership of Phil Pluck the entire GGF Group has undergone a period of transformational change with a clear strategic plan now in place. The GGF board is indebted to Phil



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for the key role that he has played in driving forward the changes needed for the business. His clear strategic vision coupled with the focus on behavioural and cultural management practices have been key skill sets that the GGF Group has benefitted from."

During his tenure Pluck had a less than happy relationship with the trade press. Following a series of departures from the organisation, including two presidents resigning in a short space of time, he reacted to reports in *The Fabricator* and elsewhere by issuing a strongly worded statement reproving us for the reports and stating that the GGF has a legal team in place to monitor our publications. □



Eurocell has been shortlisted in this year's National Recycling Awards in the manufacturer of the year category. The awards, held in association with specialist magazine *Materials Recycling World*, celebrate best practice and innovation in the UK waste and resource management industry. Chris Coxon, head of marketing, says: "We are delighted to make the shortlist in what is probably one of the most competitive and demanding categories in the awards. We felt our entry really highlighted the achievements we have made to date in making recycling central to everything we do."

Winners of the National Recycling Awards will be announced at an event to be held at the London Hilton on Park Lane on Thursday 28th June. □

Jarman and Scaife

Customade Group has announced two senior appointments.

Mark Scaife has joined Customade Group as group chief operating officer and Simon Jarman, who joined the group in 2016, has become managing director of Finline Aluminium.

Scaife spent 10 years at Safestyle UK as group operations director and most recently as group technical director. During his time at Masonite/Premdor he was responsible for introducing lean manufacturing. At Customade he will oversee each of the group's



Simon Jarman



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manufacturing sites to fully optimise their manufacturing capacity and support group-wide growth.

Simon Jarman has more than 20 years' experience in the industry and has a strong track record in consumer-focused businesses including seven years as CEO at Everest.

The appointments follow a recent investment of more than £2.5m to strengthen Customade Group's range and capabilities and enable the business to deliver high levels of service to help customers achieve long-term growth. □