

Montgomery is FIT

FIT Events organiser of the FIT Show, has announced changes in its shareholding structure. Angus Montgomery, which has been organising events globally since 1895, has become the majority shareholder. Co-founders Matthew Glover and Paul Godwin remain shareholders and directors of the company with Glover as Chairman, as does event director Nickie West.

John Beaty, an investor in the business since 2015, has relinquished his shareholding and left the business. In most other respects the business remains unchanged.

Matthew Glover says: "The FIT Show has gone from strength to strength thanks to tremendous support from the industry, whose loyalty we hope we have returned by producing a show that connects the whole of the window, door and related glass and glazing industry.

"With growth of the FIT Show in such a relatively short time, coupled with ambitious plans for its future development, it became clear that we would benefit from expertise and investment. One of our shareholders expressed a desire to leave the business and that left us with the opportunity to seek other partners and Angus Montgomery, a well established, highly experienced international organiser of a



Matthew Glover



Paul Godwin

large portfolio of events, expressed a keen interest to become involved. Paul, Nickie and I have looked closely at what Angus Montgomery can bring to the FIT Show and Visit Glass and we are unanimous in our decision to join with them." □

Masonite International Corporation has bought the DW3 Products Group and its subsidiaries for an undisclosed sum.

DW3 Products Group owns a number of door brands including Solidor, Residor and Nicedor, it has a manufacturing facility in Stoke-On-Trent. The window division includes The Residence Collection and Window Widgets which operate from Gloucester.

The existing DW3 Products Group management team are all staying in their current roles.

Gareth Mobley, CEO of DW3 Products Group says: "The acquisition of DW3 by Masonite International is good news for all. It has a proven track record with companies such as Door-Stop "Little will change across the group whether you are a customer of Solidor, Residor, Nicedor, The Residence Collection or Window Widgets." □



Gareth Mobley

Leng is new group chief

Customade Group (Customade) has appointed David Leng as group chief executive. Leng succeeds John Lightowlers who continues with the firm in a non-executive capacity.

Leng joins from Synseal Group, where as chief executive he took the company from a £70m manufacturer of window profiles and conservatories, to become a £160m multi-channel, multi-material business in the window, glass, roof and door sectors.

In the year since Customade merged with Polyframe, John Lightowlers, Customade's retiring group managing director, and his team have created one of the UK's largest trade fabricators of PVC-U, aluminium and composite windows and doors. He has overseen



David Leng

the successful consolidation of the four acquired businesses, to create a £100m company.

Leng says: "I am delighted to be joining Customade – it offers exactly the type of opportunity that motivates me. It is at a really exciting point in its development and is ready to capitalise on its numerous growth opportunities. We have ambitious goals to fulfil and Customade is well structured, with strong investor support, exceptional products, first-rate employees and a well-deserved reputation for superior service. I look forward to leading the next phase of its development."

John Lightowlers, group managing director, says: "The merger with Polyframe was the culmination of an ambition to grow my business into the successful enterprise that it is today.

"Customade is well positioned for the next stage in its development and so this seems the natural point for me to pass on the baton." □

Reeve oversees

The Parkside Group has appointed sales director Richard Reeve to look after one of its major divisions, Axim Architectural Hardware.

Reeve, who has been with TPG for 15 years, says: "Axim is one of the most trusted brands in the industry for reliability and quality. It celebrated 30 years of business last year and having worked throughout the industry I know that the Axim TC-8800 series of concealed transom closers is well known for its long-term performance and as part of TPG, Axim, is backed up by market leading delivery to its European wide distributor and partner network.

"Over the last 30 years Axim has developed its product range to include all the hardware that top quality commercial doors require. Everyone knows the top performer the Axim TC Series of concealed closers, however, I am not sure that everyone is aware of how extensive the Axim product range is. The Axim PR Series panic exit range is comprehensive, and the Axim panic exit locking handle is one of the most



Richard Reeve

high-quality products I have seen which fits across the entire range." □

A real-world commitment

Veka Recycling has chosen Wellingborough for the location of what a spokesman says will be Europe's most advanced facility dedicated to recycling PVC-U window and door profiles. The company has taken over a former metals recycling plant and will spend more than £8m to build a facility ready to accept and convert UK unused offcuts and old PVC-U windows into re-usable polymer.

On a 5.5 acre site, the plant will be the third such facility to be built by Veka Umwelttechnik GmbH, the specialist



Corgi Fenestration claims to be the only quality mark in the glazing sector that recognises best practice along the whole supply chain. Suppliers from system houses, fabricators, component and IGU manufacturers through to installers and repair and maintenance services can achieve Corgi Fenestration registration. Both commercial and domestic building sectors are covered. Corgi Fenestration accepts all glazing sector qualifications awarded and assessed by partner organisation GQA Qualifications. Staff with these qualifications can now be issued with their personal Corgi Fenestration branded skills card and will be listed on a skills register. □

recycling subsidiary of the Veka AG Group. The company has pioneered PVC-U recycling in Europe with its first plant opening in Behringen, Germany as long ago as 1993. A further facility was opened in France in 2006.

The Wellingborough plant will enable Veka Recycling to fully re-process PVC-U window and door frames into material that can be re-manufactured as new products including window profiles, cills and trims and also a range of products as diverse as cable management and construction products. Plans are for the plant to open initially this year and to be fully operational from spring 2019, with up to 50 jobs expected to be created.

Rubber, metals and other impurities will all be separated from the PVC-U to enable re-manufacture. The combined capacity of the three plants will exceed 100,000 tonnes of PVC-U windows a year.

Veka Recycling managing director, Tony Cattini says: "This is a real-world commitment by the Veka Group towards the UK and recognition of the continued importance of the British market." □

