



Vlad

AkzoNobel appoints new managing director

In May, AkzoNobel appointed Daniela Vlad to the managing director position to lead the company's strategic direction across a diverse product portfolio, including coil and extrusion coatings, packaging coatings, wood finishes, and wood adhesives.

She brings a wealth of experience and expertise from her previous company, Philips. Since joining AkzoNobel in 2019, Vlad has held key leadership positions and successfully led many initiatives within the company's coatings businesses and automotive and aerospace activities. ■

Nice announces new hires and internal promotions following acquisition of Nortek Control

In February, Nice announced several key promotions and new appointments following their acquisition of Nortek Control in October 2021.

Luca Longhin, a veteran of Nice, was promoted to deputy CEO and will co-lead Nice North America with President and CEO Edoardo Malfè. The company hired Lisa Potok as chief financial officer in the pro-install smart home segment.

Internal promotions include Amanda Repp, who steps into the newly created role of chief people & diversity officer, and Jim Hardiman will take over as general manager of the China Innovation Center.

Additional appointments include Jari Niemela as chief technology officer, Craig Copley as chief information officer, Mark Owen Burson as chief marketing officer, and Daniel Schatz as general counsel. ■

Nice/Nortek appoints director of sales and hires manager of builder services

In February, Nice/Nortek Control announced that Jay Cary had been promoted to director of sales in the East Region, which includes Del., Md., Mich., Ohio, and Pa. Cary has more than 40 years in the AV industry and over five years with Nice. He will now serve as the director for the region's control, power, and AV brands. Previously, Cary worked at the Bose Corporation helping to launch the Bose "built-invisible" product line, and he played a key part in starting the HES (now ProSource) buying group.

Nice also added Michelle Chesnut as the new manager of builder services. She will be responsible for supporting HomespHERE builders and sharing the Builder Services Program with other builders, integrators, and designers.

Prior to Nice, Chesnut served as vice president of operations at a California alarm startup company, helping to generate millions in revenue and gain thousands of customers. ■



Cary



Chesnut



Gunton

Bruce Gunton unveils new Amber Controls product line

In April, Bruce Gunton, a 35-year door industry veteran, announced that he has launched a new product line – Amber Controls. Following the sale of his 48 patents for the "Zap" range of DC operators and other products, Gunton has spent the past couple of years developing innovative products designed for the residential and commercial door industry. His new product line is branded under the new name Amber Controls. ■

Guardian appoints new sales representative

In March, Guardian Access & Door Hardware hired Dennis Bottorf as a sales representative for Mich., Ind., and Ohio. Bottorf will be based in the Detroit area.

With over 30 years of industry experience, Bottorf is well known throughout the garage door and operator industry. Most recently, he served as district sales manager for LiftMaster. Previously, he held sales management positions at Moore-O-Matic and represented Delden Doors and Edwards in his own agency. ■



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Service Spring appoints Midwest sales manager

In February, Service Spring (SSC) promoted Edward Nottage to Midwest sales manager. Nottage joined the SSC team over 15 years ago and worked as a machine operator, a team lead, and in sales before being promoted to the sales manager position in the company's Maumee, Ohio corporate office.

With years of production and sales experience, Nottage is a knowledgeable addition to the SSC territory management team. He will cover territory in the Midwest region, which includes Minn., Wis., Ill., and Ind. ■

Miller Edges welcomes new marketing representative

In April, Miller Edge welcomed Mary Adams as their new marketing and communications coordinator. Adams brings years of experience and enjoys all aspects of marketing, from social media content curation to writing informative press releases.

She graduated from West Chester University with a bachelor's degree in Communications Studies and a minor in Psychology. ■



Nice/Nortek Control selects new chief product officer

In February, Nice/Nortek Control appointed Paul Williams as chief product officer. In this role, Williams will lead product management teams and develops the product road map across all brands. Williams excels at aligning real world problems and anticipating customer needs to create unique and innovative solutions.

Previously, he served as GE Lighting's general manager of product management and growth. In three years, his team created a DIY smart home ecosystem and grew the consumer mobile app from 30,000 users to more than two million. During his 14 years of executive leadership at Control4, Williams helped build the company from startup to IPO with double-digit, year-over-year growth.

Williams holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Southern New Hampshire University. ■



Tiffanie Lightner joins Hörmann

In March, Hörmann Burgettstown welcomed Tiffanie Lightner as a parts support representative. Lightner was born and raised in Georgetown, Pa., and has multiple degrees and certifications within the healthcare field as well as a master's from Chatham University. She has a proven track record of excellent communication and leadership skills and will be working alongside April Brown, the parts department manager. ■



Hörmann adds a service support technician

In March, Kyron Mason joined Hörmann Burgettstown as a service support technician. Mason was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pa. After high school, he joined the Navy where he became a Navy electronics technician and gained training on HF and UHF communications equipment. He also has experience as a logistics supervisor for Ross Distribution. ■

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Wadsworth earns PhD in retirement

In May, Tom Wadsworth received a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in New Testament from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (MBTS).

In March, he successfully defended his 294-page PhD dissertation, "A Worship Service or an Assembly? An Investigation of the Terminology used to Describe Church Meetings in the New Testament." The dissertation challenges the common notion that church gatherings in the New Testament were considered worship services.

After completing his coursework and exams for the MBTS doctoral program in 2016, Wadsworth dedicated more than two years to researching and writing his dissertation. He plans to devote his retirement publishing and speaking on topics related to his research.

Wadsworth also holds a bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies, a MDiv degree with emphasis in New Testament, and a ThM in Biblical Studies. ■



Wadsworth

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