

Alpine Doors appoints new CEO and vice president of operations

In May, Alpine Overhead Doors promoted Michael Magro to chief executive officer and appointed Joe Heller to vice president of operations. Magro will be responsible for the strategic direction and profitability of Alpine Doors and will continue to play a major role in new product development and marketing.

Magro previously served as vice president and has been with the company since 2005. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Hofstra University.

As the new vice president of operations, Joe Heller will be responsible for expanding Alpine's presence in the rolling door industry and will work closely with the new CEO and the owner and chairman of Alpine, Barney Magro.

Heller brings door manufacturing and operations experience in both the sectional and rolling steel sectors of the industry and holds a bachelor's degree in management from the Pennsylvania State University. ■



Magro



Heller

Gary Tombasco celebrates 50 years

In July, CornellCookson celebrated Gary Tombasco's 50 years in the garage door industry. Tombasco attended Drexel University, where he was one of the first students to learn computer programming on IBM mainframes. Shortly after, he began his career working in the engineering department of CornellCookson (formerly Cornell Iron Works).

He was quickly promoted to the estimating team, where he introduced computers to the company—drastically reducing times for estimating, engineering, and production. By the 1990s, he produced CornellCookson's first website and launched a digital pricing system to dealers.

Tombasco has served in various roles overseeing technical service and IT, and he is now part of the original equipment manufacturer team. Tombasco said, "It's been one heck of a ride, and it's far from over." ■



Tombasco

Marantec announces new product manager

In July, Marantec America announced the appointment of Michael Joseph to product manager. In this new role, Joseph will support the company's consumer, commercial, and operational teams.

He previously served as business manager at Polyair, managing projects and departments for the Integrated Packaging Systems group. He also brings branding, sales strategy, supply chain optimization, and website development experience working at various companies, including Chamberlain Group, LBP Manufacturing, and Focus Products Group.

Joseph has a master's degree in business administration from DePaul University and a bachelor's degree in merchandising from Colorado State University. He also is a certified Project Management Professional. ■



Joseph

Nortek appoints director of sales and regional sales manager

In July, Nortek Security and Control (NCS) welcomed Randy Foor as Perimeter Access Channel director of sales. He will cover the North region of the U.S. and Eastern Canada. Foor brings 20 years of experience working for wholesale distributors in the gate automation and access control industry, most recently as category manager at Sharon Fence Distributors.

Foor previously held field sales and sales management positions at P3 Distributors and Controlled Products. He holds a bachelor's degree in financial planning and services from The Ohio State University.

Jeff Houdyschell joins NCS as Perimeter Access Channel regional sales manager and will cover Eastern Canada and several U.S. states, including Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, western Virginia, and western Pennsylvania.

Houdyschell gained sales experience working at Home Depot, Johns Manville, Peachtree and Crestline Windows, Davidson Lumber, and 84 Lumber. Most recently, he served as a sales representative for Professional Garage Door Systems. ■



Foor



Houdyschell

Guardian adds regional manager

In June, Guardian Access & Door Hardware appointed Mike Frnka as west region sales manager. Frnka is a 20-year industry veteran and has extensive experience with door and operator sales and operations.

Most recently, Frnka served as director of operations for Northwest Door Canada. Previously, he managed the Northwest Door distribution center in Denver and held sales manager positions with Windsor Republic Doors and Overhead Door Company of Dallas. Based in Denver, Colo., Frnka will be responsible for sales management and development in 12 U.S. states in the West and in western Canada. ■



Frnka

National Door welcomes plant manager

In April, National Door Industries welcomed Ron Watts as plant manager for its Fort Worth, Texas, manufacturing facility, responsible for leading manufacturing operations and driving continuous improvement throughout the organization.

Watts brings 16 years of experience serving as a manager in various organizations, including Standard Motor Products, FlowTech Exhaust, and Earl's Performance Brands. He also worked at Holley Performance Products, where he earned various certifications within the Toyota production system.

Watts is a veteran of the U.S. Army and holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Louisville. ■



Watts

Brad Williamson retires after 40 years

In April, Renner Garage Door announced the retirement of Brad Williamson. He served in the industry for 40 years, working at Delden and the Renner Garage Door family for 30 of those years.

Williamson worked for various door companies throughout his career, including Ankmarr, Electronic Door-Lift, and Delden Manufacturing.

Williamson's position has been



Williamson

filled by Doug Keckler. Keckler has worked 18 years with Renner in sales and as an installation tech. ■

Service Spring appoints sales manager

In June, Service Spring promoted Chai Saephan to Pacific southwest sales manager covering California and Nevada. Saephan joined the Service Spring team in December 2018. He brings 10 years of sales experience, including eight years in the garage door and gate industry. ■



Chai

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Garaga names territory sales manager

In March, Garaga appointed Jacque Cox as territory sales manager responsible for Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Rhode Island. Cox has more than 20 years of experience in the construction industry, specializing in high-end products. He earned top place honors over 200 other sales representatives during his years with James Hardie Industries. ■



Cox

Entrematic promotes Muetzel

In March, Entrematic promoted Kelly Muetzel to territory sales manager for the company's U.S. Midwest region. Muetzel has worked at Entrematic for 10 years, serving as service manager, general manager, and national account manager for the company. He was twice named General Manager of the Year.

Muetzel earned a bachelor's degree in business management from Bemidji State University. ■



Muetzel

Action Industries hires three account managers

In April, Action Industries welcomed three new regional account managers. Bob Dethloff will serve the Western U.S. region as well as western Canada. Mark Ohradzansky and Shaun Robey will serve the Southeastern and Midwest regions, respectively. All three new hires bring multiple years of sales and management experience. ■

Arm-R-Lite hires Joe Giardina

In July, Arm-R-Lite appointed Joe Giardina to lead its sales team. Joe will manage national and international new customer development. He brings more than 27 years of sales and marketing experience. ■

Garaga welcomes regional sales manager

In April, Garaga appointed Kevin Jimenez as its Western regional sales manager. Jimenez has experience working for numerous manufacturing companies and holds a bachelor's degree from Cal State San Marcos in San Diego, Calif. ■



Jimenez