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## **Vanden Recycling's new managing director to boost European expansion**

Global plastics recycling company, Vanden Recycling, has welcomed Kevin Thompson as its new Managing Director for the UK and Europe.

Kevin's analytical, focused approach and years of leadership experience in the areas of industrial distribution, purchasing, brand management, sales and business development is a huge boost to the company and will help position it for further European growth in 2023 and beyond.

Kevin's appointment brings the UK and European functions under one leadership umbrella for the first time to align and further strengthen Vanden's efforts in both markets. It also complements the 20 new appointments Vanden made to its UK & European teams across various departments in 2022, including sales, business development, logistics, finance and HR.

Under Kevin's leadership, the company plans to maintain this same level of recruitment throughout 2023 to continue to bolster existing team capabilities and help meet client demand.

David Wilson, who previously held the UK Managing Director position, will now be leading Vanden's navigation of the industry's ever tightening and evolving regulation and legislation protocols in a new role as Director of Compliance.

New Director of Compliance, David Wilson said, *"The next few years will be exciting, tough, dynamic and ripe with opportunity. The world is changing, as it always does. Vanden has the momentum and strength to adapt to these changes and to make the best of them, not only for the company but for the world around us too. We've seen some great new colleagues join the existing dedicated and expert team over the past year. We'll keep attracting the best of the best globally under Kevin's leadership."*

Kevin has a history of working within industrial distribution and joined Vanden last year as a senior advisor. It was after getting to know the business and the people, that he recognised that Vanden was a company that he could really add value to.

Kevin said, *"I'm delighted to be leading Vanden's UK and European efforts at a truly exciting time for the business. My key aims will be to enhance Vanden's processing and trading capacity within these territories. If you are an individual or organisation that would like to play a part in this exciting period it would be great to hear from you."*

*I'm lucky enough to have worked with Vanden for some time as an advisor so am familiar with the business and many members of the team. Both I and Vanden share a similar set of values so I am delighted to be joining the company in an official capacity and I'm really looking forward to getting stuck in."*

Vanden Recycling is a leading worldwide plastics recycling company. The business recently celebrated 17 years of supplying recycled plastic to manufacturers across the globe.

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**Photo caption: Kevin Thompson, Vanden's new Managing Director for the UK and Europe**

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