

PRESS RELEASE

PJH appoints MD to head New Build Division

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National kitchen, appliance and bathroom distributor, the PJH Group has appointed **Mike Barnes** as Managing Director of its New Build Division. This follows a strategic decision to re-structure and develop the national housebuilding business that the PJH Group has built up and serviced for over twenty years.

Mike, previously managing director for Arrow Distributors Ltd, is a highly experienced and well respected individual within the industry, having also worked for a number of leading brands, such as Candy and Whirlpool.

With over 30 years' experience, Mike will head up the PJH Group's national housebuilding operation – a service which supplies and installs a comprehensive range of home improvement products to builders such as Barratt and Persimmon Homes.

Speaking of his appointment, Mike said: "I am looking forward to working with the UK's largest distributor and developing its New Build division, via a dedicated team who have continuously delivered a market leading service to the UK housebuilder."

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PJH Group Chief Executive, Andrew Yates, said: "We are extremely positive about the future prospects of the new build market, and despite the economic climate, we believe this sector will recover. We want to be in a strong position to service and meet the needs of our trading partners when recovery does happen and I am fully confident in Mike's ability to skilfully lead and direct our team in making a positive difference to our customers."

For further information on the PJH Group's New Build trading division, contact the company on tel: **08453 720301** or installations_team@pjhgroup.com

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Notes to Editor:

The PJH Group is the UK's largest distributor of kitchens and bathrooms with over 580,000 sq ft of warehouse space and approximately £16m stockholding. Established in 1972, the company is based in Bolton, operates throughout seven UK sites and employs over 700 people.

Customers include over 4,000 independent retailers, builders merchants, housebuilders, developers and specifiers. PJH own-brands include Prima (Kitchens & Appliances), K Kitchens and Moods Bathrooms.

The PJH Group is part of the Globe Union Group, a world class design, marketing, manufacturing and trading organisation supplying kitchen and bathroom products to customers worldwide.