



PRESS RELEASE

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## **Wates announces new Business Unit Director for Scotland**

The award winning Wates Group has appointed Ronnie Bennett as their new Business Unit Director for Scotland.

Ronnie will lead the Scottish business from both the Glasgow and Edinburgh offices.

Ronnie has more than 25 years experience in the Scottish construction industry, having worked for a range of organisations during his career. He has previously held roles as Director for Laing O'Rourke Scotland and Regional Commercial Director for Amec Construction.

The Business Unit Director role is a new position within Wates and reflects the growth of the Scottish business and successful expansion into the construction market.

Paul Drechsler, Chairman and Chief Executive of Wates, said: "I am delighted to welcome Ronnie to Wates. He brings extensive construction experience to our Scottish operations and his appointment will assist us to realise our future growth plans for the region."

Ronnie Bennett Business Unit Director of Wates Scotland said: "I look forward to building on my relationships in the local market and helping Wates expand. I am confident that we are well positioned to capitalise on our strong track record of providing quality construction services in the Scotland region."

Key projects currently on site for Wates include a £50M framework with Glasgow Housing Association to modernise multi storey flats throughout the city. Wates is also working on two new build projects as part of North Lanarkshire Council's new build council housing framework.

Wates is also refurbishing housing stock throughout the country for clients including Link Group and Renfrewshire Council to deliver the Scottish Housing Quality Standard.

In addition to these affordable housing projects, Wates are also expanding their general construction business and have two projects on site.

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**Editors Notes**

Wates is one of the UK's largest family-owned construction services and development companies. Established in 1897, it remains privately owned by the Wates Family. Wates employs over 2000 people and had a turnover of £945 million in 2009

Part of the family owned Wates Group, Wates Living Space is one of the UK's leading affordable housing contractors, working with RSLs and ALMOs we build or refurbish in the region of 20,000 homes for residents each year through the New Build and decent homes programme.

Wates Living Space was awarded Contractor of the Year at the Housing Excellence Awards and Sustainable Contractor of the Year at the Inside Housing Sustainable Housing Awards [www.wates.co.uk](http://www.wates.co.uk)