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Global FM service provider Atalian Servest has acquired Incentive FM Group.

The acquisition, the first in the UK since the merger with Atalian Global Services in 2018, is a strategic move to expand the FM firm's core service offering, reinforcing sectors of focus, and adding further scale and experience.

[HqO](#) has announced the acquisition of [Leesman](#), the world's leader in measuring employee workplace experience.

The acquisition of Leesman furthers HqO's commitment to transforming the modern office and enabling people to connect with the places they work.

The Clearway Group enhances its service capability through the addition of specialist fire and security technology business, Sitewatch Fire and Surveillance

The addition of Sitewatch to Clearway further strengthens both its technology proposition and its UK-wide operations with three new locations in Halesowen, Swindon and Sandbach.

Crown Commercial Service (CCS) has awarded 44 suppliers places on its major new Facilities Management and Workplace Services framework.

The new framework supports the principles of the Government's Sourcing Playbook by heavily weighting 'quality' in its contract award criteria, rather than lowest cost – emphasising the importance of social value and optimum pricing methodology for often complex requirements.

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In research, a new report on the UK Facilities Management market from MTW Research has found prospects for the market are positive with a £3 billion sales uplift in 2022.

The 100-page report reviews the legacy of Covid-19, highlighting near term labour, profitability and other operational challenges but places this into context within wider positive FM market trends and opportunities, forecasting double digit growth over the next 4 years.

Sage has also launched its new [\*Digital Britain: How Small Businesses are turning the tide on tech\*](#) report revealing how SMBs are at a critical tech tipping point, representing a significant opportunity to boost the UK's economy.

The research shows SMBs are using technology to cut costs (62%) and better compete for hard-pressed customers (68%). Ninety-two percent of SMBs now depend on technology for business survival but concerns around costs, skills and knowledge are holding them back from going further and faster.

With the right policy framework, Sage's new report reveals the huge potential for SMBs to create a high-growth digital economy, which could unlock an extra £232 billion for the economy annually.

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