

## Wates Construction announce New Regional Managing Director for North of England

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Wates Construction has announced the appointment of Dave Saville as Regional Managing Director (RMD) for the North, as the business continues to grow across the region in support of the Government's levelling up agenda.

Reporting to Wates Construction MD Mark Tant, Dave will lead the business' strategic plans across the North West, as well as Yorkshire and the North East, cementing its position as a leader in the provision of new schools, offices, leisure facilities and homes while expanding its offer in new sectors including healthcare.

With almost 30 years' experience in the industry, Dave joined Wates Construction in 2019 as Regional Director for the North West, having previously worked at John Sisk & Sons and at Laing O'Rourke. He has overseen key projects for Wates including The Sands Centre in Cumbria and the AstraZeneca Macclesfield Campus.

Dave Saville, Regional Managing Director, Wates Construction North, said: "As an industry, we have an incredible opportunity to support the Government's levelling up agenda, so I'm excited to take the helm and deliver on Wates Construction's growth plans across the North of England, bringing our North West, Yorkshire and North East teams closer together.

"With a number of major projects in progress, we are not only in a position to boost jobs, skills and training, but also to regenerate communities and services, creating a lasting legacy for years to come."

Wates Construction is the largest arm of the Wates Group, one of the UK's leading family-owned

construction, residential development, and property services companies. In 2021, Wates Construction generated pre-tax profits of £18.7m from a turnover of £772m and won key contracts in the North, including the design of Envision AESC's advanced car battery gigafactory in South Tyneside and Sunderland, and became the pre-construction stage partner for the British Library redevelopment at Boston Spa.

It is also working on two buildings at Wellington Place in Leeds hailed as 'the most sustainable buildings in Yorkshire', as well as the first batch of net zero schools for the Department for Education (DfE) in the North West. Lytham St Annes High School, Littleborough Community Primary School and Nursery, and Whitworth Community High School, are the first to be built as part of the DfE's 10-year School Rebuilding Programme.

Elsewhere, Wates Construction has completed works on the Sandwell Aquatics Centre in Smethwick. The state-of-the-art facility which includes an Olympic-sized swimming pool, 25m diving pool, and seating for 1,000 spectators, will be the focus of international competition this summer, as well as creating a legacy for community health and wellbeing.

Mark Tant, Managing Director, Wates Construction, said: "Dave has established himself as one of our most talented and trusted senior leaders, growing our capability, presence and brand in the North West over the past few years, despite the unprecedented challenges of the pandemic.

"I know that he and his team will continue to innovate and collaborate to deliver the best buildings and best value for our customers in the North."

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