

Atlas makes waves with Lewis & Graves

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In another sign of its burgeoning presence in the industry, <u>Atlas FM</u> has announced that it is joining forces with the cleaning and support services business Lewis & Graves Partnership (L&G). Founded in 1985, L&G has grown year on year from a small business to have an annual turnover of £20 million.

Based in Essex, L&G employs 1,300 people at 200 sites in London and the Home Counties. It is a specialist in the education sector and also holds contracts with important organisations in the City of London and in local government. Notable clients include Wandsworth Borough Council, South Thames Colleges Group, and the Partnership Learning Trust.

The deal is part of Atlas' strategy to deepen its total FM offering to more clients, through a combination of organic growth and the acquiring of high quality and reputationally strong businesses. Atlas views L&G as a perfect fit. It is known for excellent service delivery and has a stated culture of promoting honesty and integrity in all matters. With L&G joining, Atlas will be able to offer a new level of expertise and service delivery to both existing and future education clients.

The Atlas group now employs almost 10,000 facilities management personnel and is present in every region of the UK.

Atlas FM Group Managing Director, Chris Wisely said: "We are delighted to welcome 1,300 people into the Atlas family. L&G is a business that has consistently grown to have a leading presence in South East England. This strengthens our total FM and educational sector offering, whilst giving our colleagues in L&G the opportunity to grow as part of a truly national company."

James Abbott, Operations Director of Lewis & Graves Partnership, added: "We see a great future for L&G as part of the Atlas group. We are highly aligned in terms of strategy and values, and Atlas shares our passion for quality, innovation and sustainability. We are excited to get started with our new colleagues



and benefit from all the opportunities ahead of us."