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Two more acquisitions boost growth of Atlas FM

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More growth has been announced by service provider <u>Atlas FM</u>, following the acquisition of two businesses, one in Scotland and the second in southern England. Both Confida FM, an £8m support services firm based in Ayr, Scotland and Two Counties Cleaning Services, a £6m cleaning specialist in Hampshire and Dorset, have become the newest parts of the Atlas group.

The strategy behind the deals is to invest in talented people and a strong contract base in those parts of the UK. They build upon the company's existing footprint, which includes long-term agreements with private sector and public sector organisations in those areas. It brings the group employee base to over 11,000, with over 700 people in Scotland and 1,000 in southern English counties.

Confida holds valued contracts with the likes of Merck and Thermo Fisher, as well as public sector bodies such as East Ayrshire Council. There is now the potential for Confida to develop partnerships in terms of services and sites with clients in the wider UK.

Two Counties works with many schools, medical centres, holiday parks, leisure facilities and industrial sites throughout Hampshire and Dorset. It also has successful long-standing contracts with local authorities and NHS properties, which reflects its strength in the area.

Group managing director Chris Wisely said:

"Both Confida and Two Countries bring excellent people and contracts into the Atlas family. We already offer high quality services to our clients, but Confida's strength in Scotland and Two Counties' operations in southern England mean that we can offer more resilience and range of services than ever before."



Confida commercial operations director Lorraine Brophy said:

"Since we founded Confida we have endeavoured to put relationship-building and problem-solving at the heart of driving better facilities management. We are fully aligned with Atlas' aim to put happiness at the centre of service delivery, and we see an opportunity to really accelerate our growth as part of a wider family of businesses."

Two Counties Cleaning Services director Trevor Jackson said:

"We're very happy to join the Atlas group and benefit from the growth opportunities ahead of us. We believe in delivering an ever-better quality of services and are already working with colleagues across Atlas to enhance cleaning solutions for our valued customers."