

The Access Group appoints new Chief Information Officer

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The Access Group, a provider of business management software to mid-market organisations in the UK, Ireland, US and Asia Pacific, has announced the appointment of Conor Whelan in a new role as Group Chief Information Officer (GCIO).

The appointment will further support The Access Group's growth objectives, enhance customer experiences, and boost employee productivity.

In his new role, Conor will be responsible for strategically managing the The Access Group's technological resources and will help drive both organic and inorganic growth. He will also focus on delivering operational excellence across The Access Group and in its regions to further enhance efficiency and agility.

Before joining The Access Group, Conor held the UK Chief Operations Officer & Chief Information Officer role at Experian. Conor has a track record in leading businesses through technology transformation.

Before joining Experian, Conor was the Group CIO at Jardine Lloyd Thompson, a global insurance broker, from 2015 to 2019. There, he created a global technology function that drove cost savings and improved operational resilience.

In 2021 and 2023, Conor was recognised in the Global UK Top 100 CIOs, listed in the Top 10 in 2023. In 2022, he was awarded Male Advocate of the Year by the Great British Businesswoman Awards. He was also recognised as one of the most influential people in technology by Computer Weekly in 2018.

Conor commented:

“I am delighted to be joining The Access Group. Its fabulous track record, entrepreneurial style and global growth ambitions were the deciding factors in my move. I cannot wait to learn more about The Access Group and its culture, to meet my new colleagues and to help deliver its strategic goals.”

The Access Group CEO, Chris Bayne welcomed Conor into the business commenting:

“I look forward to working with Conor, who brings a wealth of expertise and specialist knowledge to the business. Conor is joining The Access Group at an exciting time, and I am confident that his skillset will support us as we continue our growth journey.”