

The new chairman

Alan Burgess has been appointed Masterframe group chairman. Burgess, who founded the company, was previously managing director.

Burgess helped create the UK's first dedicated PVC-U box sash window in 1984 and has been a driving force in developing the PVC-U vertical sliders market.

He says that the appointment will afford him time to focus on business development and areas of growth such as Timberweld, a patented method of jointing that creates a perfect butt-joint effect outside and inside the window to create a cost effective, authentic timber-look.

Burgess says: "I am delighted to be appointed group chairman and the opportunities it presents. The market is growing and it is vital we make the most of it.

"Masterframe Windows and the Bygone Network have gone from strength to strength. I look forward to seeing these areas of the group grow even further under the recently promoted managing director, Carol



Alan Burgess

Slade. This will enable me to focus more time and energy into Timberweld, which is getting a fantastic reception." □

Mila has expanded its marketing team with the appointment of Laura Chapman as a digital design and marketing executive. With a degree in media design and a background in the home improvement sector, Chapman brings the perfect blend of technical skills and experience to her new role.

Chapman joins Mila from a high street home improvement supplier. She says: "What I liked about the job was the chance to work with an award winning marketing team in a business which offers lots of opportunities.

"Because so much of what Mila delivers is created in-house, this is a really fast paced, dynamic environment where I get the chance to work on a huge range of different projects almost every day." □



Laura Chapman

Scotland bound

Velux has appointed a new managing director to lead its roof window business from its UK headquarters in Fife, Scotland.

Mick Schou Rasmussen joins the company, which recently unveiled plans for a £7m expansion at its UK and Ireland head office building at Woodside Way in Glenrothes.

He brings more than 15 years' experience of the roof window industry having worked for Velux as managing director in Denmark, Russia and several Eastern European countries.

Prior to moving to the UK, Rasmussen spent four years as managing director of Velux Denmark. Before that, he was heading up the Eastern European region where he was responsible for



Mick Schou Rasmussen

seven sales subsidiaries including Hungary, Romania, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Serbia, Bosnia and Belarus. He also spent five years as the managing director of Velux Russia based in Moscow.

Rasmussen will lead a team of over 250 staff across the UK and Ireland and will be responsible for growing the business through Brexit and devising a clear business strategy that will grow the roof window market.

Rasmussen says: "What sets Velux apart in the industry is our 60-year history in the UK, our customer relationships and continued commitment to making innovative products.

"We are determined that 2019 will see us grow the roof window market. By focusing on the needs of our customers I am confident that we can execute a strategy to see Velux continue to strengthen its presence throughout the UK." □