



David Payne has been appointed as Business Development Director, Fischer Panda UK

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Fischer Panda UK Strengthens Leadership Team with New Appointments

Marine, automotive and defence systems specialist Fischer Panda UK has strengthened its leadership team with the appointment of David Payne as Business Development Director and Chris Baker as Operations and Technical Director, effective from 1st January 2021.

The new senior roles for two respected industry specialists from within the company underlines Fischer Panda UK's continued ambitions for business growth and reinforces its position at the forefront of the latest innovations

and developments in customised hybrid and electric power solutions across the boating, vehicle and military sectors.

Promoted in line with the company's restructuring as it builds on the achievements of a positive financial year despite the COVID-19 pandemic, David and Chris bring significant technical, engineering and industry knowledge to the senior team.

David, an indentured mechanical engineer and hybrid diesel and electric power systems specialist, moves to his new role following three years as Technical Sales Manager for the company. With 25 years' experience in the marine and automotive industries, David has established expertise in developing and customising innovative and cost-effective hybrid and electric solutions for both vessels and specialist vehicles. Currently leading the growing engineering team and controlling the operations side of the business, Engineering Manager Chris has been central to assisting Fischer Panda UK's growth over the last 24 years, amassing a depth of technical skill in the field.

Fischer Panda UK's Managing Director, Barry Fower, said: "We are delighted to announce the expansion of our team of directors with two very experienced and proficient professionals who have both established themselves as essential to the business. Since he joined us in 2017, David has been a great asset to the company and we are confident that his experience and skill set will continue to benefit the business and our customers. Chris has an abundance of knowledge about the industry, where we sit in the market and our technical product range and is the ideal choice to head up the operations and technical aspects, and take our highly skilled engineering team forwards. The appointments reflect a natural progression for Fischer Panda UK, improving and strengthening the structure of the leadership team to help drive us forward in new technologies, ensuring we can adapt quickly to industry developments and improving delivery to our partners and customers."

In addition to electric solutions, David and Chris will also lead the technical progression of Fischer Panda projects and systems integration for its diesel generators, Mastervolt power systems, Sea Recovery water purification, Dometic climate control and CZone digital monitoring on leisure and commercial marine vessels, specialist automotive vehicles and off grid applications.

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About Fischer Panda UK

Fischer Panda UK Ltd offers full-system design capability, servicing and aftercare as a leading distributor of diesel generators and a major supplier of the latest technology in air-conditioning systems, hybrid electric propulsion systems, integrated mobile power solutions and water makers for a variety of

commercial and leisure vessels.

Renowned worldwide as innovative, reliable and extremely quiet, the extensive Fischer Panda range of compact diesel generators includes its next generation highly efficient and powerful variable speed iSeries-Generators. Fischer Panda generators from the Panda 4000s Neo up to the next generation iSeries Panda 45i genset have passed type approval by members of the IACS (International Association of Classification Societies) board.

Other world-class products from Fischer Panda UK include desalination systems from Sea Recovery, HRO, and Village Marine, with models suitable for day-boats to warships and offshore platforms, plus air-conditioning systems from leading marine HVAC supplier Dometic, CZone digital switching and Mastervolt power solutions.

Fischer Panda UK is ISO UKAS 9000/1 accredited and operates from a purpose built 9,000 sq. ft facility in Verwood, Dorset. Its experienced engineers, sales and operational staff work with OEMs to develop integrated systems for custom vessels and offer specialist technical support and ongoing aftercare to its customers.

Also active in the military and automotive sectors, the company works with UK MOD and other armies around the world providing solutions for specialist vehicle and land-based applications. Two thirds of Formula 1 mobile truck units install Fischer Panda generators, as do the BBC, Sky and many other mobile broadcasting vehicles.

Operating since 1977, Fischer Panda GmbH is headquartered in Paderborn, Germany. The Fischer Panda team covers more than 500 technicians and partners in over 90 countries worldwide.