

Post-COVID surge in demand for talent drives Ford & Stanley growth

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Ford & Stanley, the specialist talent services company, has boosted its Executive and Blue-Collar recruitment divisions with the appointment of two senior managers to lead their expansion plans having experienced a significant surge in demand for new people.

Phill Machell re-joins the company after seven years away as Head of Ford & Stanley Executive Interim, while Richard (Ricky) Wright, who also previously worked at Ford & Stanley, returns as Managing Consultant for Talentwise, its trades and technical recruitment arm.

Daniel Taylor, Director for Ford & Stanley Executive, said the appointments are a direct response to market demand for all group services and represented a significant landmark as employers look to get back on track post-pandemic.

He said: "Recruitment in particular is always a good barometer for business confidence, and we are delighted that market confidence has returned and that we were able to welcome these two outstanding, well-respected people back into our business."

“Phill returns with a wealth of knowledge of the vital manufacturing, logistics, supply chain sectors which means we can further support the increase in client demand and accelerate our own growth plans, while Ricky will give Talentwise the extra level of experience and expertise at a time when we are winning major new supply contracts”.

Machell returns after seven years having held senior positions at Michael Page Executive and Capita Executive Recruitment.

He said: “The business has developed significantly in recent years and I’m here to be a part of the long-term ambitions the company has to accelerate its already impressive influence and market share; the blend of services really is quite different to that offered by traditional recruitment firms and straight away I can see how well customers respond to this”.

Ricky Wright re-joins Ford & Stanley after three years away and the culture of the company was behind his decision to return. He said: “The professionalism and integrity of the company, its reputation for doing the right thing by people were all important factors. Everyone here is pulling in the right direction and I’m delighted to be a part of that again.”

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