



Press release

CAREL appoints Sean Blandford as Managing Director of CAREL UK

Brugine, 15 May 2026 – CAREL announces the appointment of Sean Blandford as Managing Director of CAREL UK, effective from 1 April 2026.

With more than 30 years of experience in the HVAC/R industry gained across South Africa and the United Kingdom, Sean Blandford brings to CAREL **extensive expertise in commercial and strategic management**, together with a deep knowledge of the British heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration market. Throughout his career, Sean has held positions of increasing responsibility at **major international companies** in the industry, standing out for his ability to lead growth and organisational transformation initiatives within complex international environments.

Founded in 1998 to address the specific needs of the UK and Irish markets, CAREL UK is today a **long-established and well-recognised presence of the CAREL Group in the region**. Over the years, the subsidiary has become a trusted partner for OEMs, installers and HVAC/R industry professionals.

*"Sean's appointment confirms CAREL's commitment to strengthening its international growth through highly experienced leadership," said **Marino Tanas, Western Europe Regional CEO**. "His HVAC/R industry expertise, combined with his ability to lead complex organisations, will represent a significant added value for CAREL UK and for the entire organisation."*

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CAREL is one of the world's leading manufacturers of control solutions for air conditioning, refrigeration and heating, as well as systems designed to improve indoor air quality. We design our products to deliver energy savings and reduce environmental impact, combining advanced technologies with customised services aimed at optimising the performance of units and systems. Our solutions are applied across commercial, industrial and residential sectors. Founded in 1973, CAREL employs more than 2,700 people. In 2025 the Group reported consolidated revenues of €629 million and operates through 47 subsidiaries and 12 owned production facilities.