

United Business Media Plc appoints Gary Hughes as Chief Executive of CMP Information

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United Business Media Plc today announces that it has appointed Gary Hughes as Chief Executive of CMP Information, UBM's professional and specialist consumer publishing division. He will take up his post later this month.

Gary Hughes, 43, has extensive media industry experience, most recently at Emap plc where he was Group Finance Director from 2000 until May 2005, also serving as Chairman of Emap's music division. Prior to 2000, Hughes served as Scottish Media Group Plc's Group Financial Director, taking responsibility for strategic business development and guiding the Group through a series of acquisitions. Prior to joining SMG, Hughes held senior international management positions at Forte Plc and Guinness Plc. Hughes is also a non-executive director of J. Sainsbury Plc.

Hughes's appointment follows the appointments in 2005 of Henry Elkington as Director of Corporate Development and of Steve Weitzner as Chief Executive of CMP Media, the US publishing and events subsidiary of UBM.

David Levin, Chief Executive Officer, United Business Media Plc said:

"I am delighted to appoint Gary to this important post. Gary's impressive track record of strategic business development, coupled with his experience and knowledge of CMP Information's markets, makes him the ideal candidate to lead CMPi into its next phase of growth. I look forward to Gary also contributing his experience and expertise to the work of UBM's senior management team."

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Notes to Editors

1. Gary Hughes biography

Employment

September 2000 to May 2005	Group Finance Director, Emap Plc
1996 to 2000	Group Finance Director, SMG plc
1994 to 1996	Deputy Finance Director, Forte plc
1988 to 1994	Various Finance Positions, Guinness plc
1985 to 1988	Chartered Accountant, Ernst & Whinney
1983 to 1984	Commodity Broker, Barings Limited

Qualifications

Gary was awarded a first class honours degree in Economics and Econometrics by University of Strathclyde. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants having qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1988.

2. About CMP Information (CMPi)

CMPi is United Business Media's UK-headquartered professional and specialist consumer media business. CMPi publishes more than 50 magazines as well as specialist classified advertising products. In addition CMPi has over 30 exhibitions, 15 directory and information products and a growing number of websites and online solutions that meet the media needs of customers in more than 15 product markets. CMPi has annual revenues of around £180 million and more than 1,600 employees.

3. About United Business Media

United Business Media operates two main business streams – PR Newswire and CMP. PR Newswire is the world's leading corporate news distribution service. CMP specialises in creating industry-leading print, online and exhibition franchises that bring industry professionals and enthusiasts together to be better informed, meet and transact business. CMP is at the forefront of the development of many national and global industries.