

Matchtech Group rebrands to Gattaca

Matchtech and Networkers International brands are retained as individual engineering and technology recruitment specialists under Gattaca Group

International recruitment firm, Matchtech Group, today announces that it will be rebranded, changing its name to Gattaca.

The name change is the next step in the Group's development, following a successful year which included the acquisition of international recruitment firm Networkers International.

The change follows extensive research conducted by the company amongst its employees, candidates, and current and potential clients into their view of the constituent brands that make up the enlarged Group. Research showed that the Group brand (Matchtech Group plc) and the operating engineering brand (Matchtech) sharing the same name could be a source of confusion. For this reason the name of the Group will change to Gattaca and the structure will be simplified.

The company will continue to trade through its core brands Matchtech and Networkers. Matchtech will be retained as the core engineering recruitment specialist but will incorporate the engineering division of Networkers International. Cappo will continue to provide oil & gas recruitment services in international markets, and will be associated with the lead engineering brand, Matchtech. Networkers will be the lead Technology recruitment specialist and will incorporate Matchtech Group's IT brand, Connectus. Provanis will continue to operate in the Oracle market sector and will be associated with the lead technology brand, Networkers.

At Group level, Gattaca will support the delivery capability of the specialist brands by providing the infrastructure, governance and international reach.

A shareholder circular convening notice of a meeting of shareholders is expected to be despatched shortly. Assuming the necessary shareholder approvals are obtained, it is expected that the Matchtech Group plc name change will become effective in September 2016 and that trading in the group's shares will be conducted under the new name of Gattaca plc. The new ticker will be GATC.L.

Commenting, Brian Wilkinson, Group Chief Executive, said:

"This is an important step in the evolution of our company. As Gattaca, we have a strong, integrated Group identity, capable of offering clients end-to-end recruitment solutions. Importantly however, we will retain and grow the established and specialist Matchtech and Networkers brands, both of which are leading players in their respective engineering and technology fields.

"These sectors are vital to the future growth of the global economy, with continuing high demand across many skills sets, many of which have supply side shortages. As connectivity becomes ubiquitous and industries converge our new structure puts us in a unique position to support our customers across a range of emerging niche skills, converging technologies and diverse geographies."

Notes to editors:

Interviews available with Gattaca CEO Brian Wilkinson between 09:30 – 12:00 on 18th July 2016. Please request an interview via matchtech@edelman.com

Gattaca

Gattaca is a leading global recruitment specialist in the engineering and technology sectors. Operating in 14 offices, across 4 continents we have over 30 years' experience in the recruitment industry. All our 700 staff members; 500 of whom are recruitment consultants; help make Gattaca what it is, a dedicated provider of specialist recruitment. With over 30 years' experience in the recruitment industry, our vision is to be the leading specialist recruiter in all our markets.

Matchtech

Matchtech is the UK's number one engineering recruitment specialist, with over 30 years' experience in successfully matching job-seekers with hiring employers within the engineering industry.

Our consultants specialise in providing recruitment services across the aerospace, automotive, energy, infrastructure and maritime sectors. Through our sister companies, we are also able to provide solutions across the technology, professional and employability sectors.

Networkers

Networkers is a global recruitment consultancy helping unite job-seekers and hiring companies across the technology industry. Since Networkers was established in 2000, the business has grown considerably and we have consistently proven our ability to connect the right people with the right roles in the right businesses around the world.

What makes us unique is our ability to offer a local service on a global scale. From our 14 offices spanning across four continents, we are able to recruit in more than 130 countries.

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