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LOWELL GROUP APPOINTS NEW HEAD OF IT

Lowell Group, the fast-growing, Leeds-based debt purchasing specialist, has appointed John Stewart as its new head of IT.

John is responsible for all aspects of the Group's IT infrastructure and systems, including its state-of-the art call centre, and heads a large team of analysts, developers and operational support staff. A key element of his role is to drive the Group's future IT strategy, ensuring it stays at the forefront of technological innovation.

James Cornell, chief executive officer of Lowell Group, said: "John has one of the most important roles in our business. We operate in a data driven environment where the integrity of data is critical along with both the functionality and reliability of the systems infrastructure.

"We continue to invest heavily in new technologies to ensure we are ever smarter at what we do. A lot of debt collection organisations know how to collect but it's the efficiency of the process that counts. Far too many spend a pound to collect a pound!"

An IT professional for over 17 years, John has joined Lowell Group from the vehicle provenance company HPI, a division of RAC Services.

Lowell Group is one of the fastest-growing companies in Yorkshire. In the last 12 months annual turnover increased by 124% to £27.1 million, while the number of consumer accounts serviced by the Group now exceeds one and a half million with an asset value in excess of £1.4 billion.

Commenting on his new role, John Stewart said: "This is an exciting opportunity to play a part in Lowell Group's future success. Lowell Group is an ambitious company operating at the forefront of leading edge technologies."

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