Two new board members at GTS Solutions

GTS Solutions CIC, the Edinburgh-based social enterprise, has strengthened its management team with a brace of senior appointments as part of its strategic growth plan.

Roger Horam, a director with the European Development Innovation Network, has joined as a non-executive director with a focus on funding applications and tenders. He also has extensive experience as a project manager, from small startups to multi-million-pound operations.

Also joining as a non-executive director is Brian Cameron, formerly head of business development and marketing at Grant Thornton.

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GTS Solutions chief executive Chris Thewlis said: "I am delighted to have Roger and Brian on board. They bring a wealth of experience from different fields which I am confident will help GTS as we continue the company's growth plan.

"Our focus is on the creation of a fully integrated security service so that we can become the one-stop provider.

"As technology advances, it is more important than ever to create a joined-up reactive and coherent safety and security service which also delivers a tripple bottom line and strong

insight from our analytics SaaS products, which assist with productivity and customer experience.

"These appointments will help us achieve that target."

Brian, who was a regional director and UK board member at global talent solutions group Hudson prior to joining Grant Thornton, said: "The ethos and social aims and objectives of GTS align very well with my own principles. I look forward to supporting Chris and the board in what promises to be a very exciting time for the company.

"I have been very impressed at the innovation and strategic direction of the business. As a Community Interest Company, there can be a misperception that organisations within the social enterprise sector are not able to compete with more established private sector companies.

"As private organisations continue to come under pressure to utilise more ethical supply chains, there is definitely an opportunity for GTS to fill this demand."

Roger said: "I'm delighted to be joining the board of GTS Solutions CIC. Having worked with and supported the organisation for a number of years, I love the CIC model of GTS Solutions and the social economic development approaches that Chris searches out and promotes.

"After 20 years in the hospitality and catering sector and another 20 years in economic development, I bring a strong background of project management and experience and a practical approach to turning ideas into reality.

"I look forward to using my fundraising and investment experience to further develop both GTS and the sector through diligence, insight and my own networks to ensure projects not only receive funding but that they are structured correctly from the outset to deliver the desired outcomes for the stakeholders, funding entities and commercial

participants."