

Former Petrofac Director appointed Honorary Professor at RGU

A leading figure in Scottish business, and a former Director and Chief of Staff at Petrofac, has been appointed as Honorary Professor by The Robert Gordon University (RGU) in Aberdeen.

Murray Strachan is the Managing Director of Strachan & Partners, a specialist business advisory consultancy, and Chief Executive of Albyn Ventures, a private business angel investment group. Murray is also a senior strategic advisor to Petrofac and holds a number of non-executive director positions in a diverse range of companies throughout the UK.

He is experienced in managing diverse and complex business operations and functions, having held a variety of executive and non-executive director, general management, organisational development and commercial positions during his career.

Prior to February 2007, Murray was a Director and Chief of Staff of the Petrofac Operations Services Division, a major international oil services business. Until May 2006, Murray was the Chief Executive of the Petrofac Training Group, the leading international oil and gas training and consultancy business. Petrofac Training was established in February 2004, when Petrofac acquired the RGIT Montrose Group, which had been acquired in April 2003 by a management buy-out team led by Murray. Prior to RGIT Montrose, Murray worked for Liberty Mutual and the AP Moller / Maersk Group in a number of senior management or strategic change management roles.

Murray said, "I am delighted to have been appointed as an Honorary Professor by RGU and look forward to working with Professor Rita Marcella and the Aberdeen Business School, as well as the University as a whole in what is a fantastic opportunity for me to share my experiences of working in business with future generations of graduates."

During the course of his career, Murray's experience as a strategist has seen him develop acquisition growth strategies for a number of businesses including Liberty Occupational Health, the RGIT Montrose Group, the Petrofac Training Group and Quality Matters. He is also extremely experienced in the development and delivery of corporate and organisational development, having led the management buy-out of the RGIT Montrose Group of companies in April 2003, and its subsequent sale to Petrofac in February 2004.

During his time at the RGIT Montrose Group he was responsible for restructuring and re-engineering the organisation and financial performance, increasing turnover from \$15 million to \$85 million and multiplying profit sevenfold in five years.

Murray is also a non-executive director and board member of a number of charitable causes and organisations, including: North-east cancer charity, CLAN, RGU and the Royal Scottish National Orchestra. A qualified quantity surveyor, Murray is also a member of the Institute of Directors.

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