

Electrocomponents plc

Executive Biographies



Klaus Göldenbot
Regional General Manager, Europe

With a degree in European Business and a master's degree in Marketing and Management, Klaus started his career with Adolf Wuerth GmbH & Co KG in Germany, the world's largest wholesale distributor for assembly techniques. Here, he had a number of roles including assistant to the CEO and Strategic Business Planning and Development Manager:

In 2001, Klaus joined Electrocomponents plc as General Manager, Product Management, Europe and by 2002, he was promoted to General Manager, RS UK. Having successfully managed the largest operating company in the Group for the past 6 years, Klaus has recently taken on the position of Regional General Manager, Europe where he will play a key role in the development of the region to drive growth.



Nick Jefferies
General Manager, Electronics

Nick began his career as an electronic design engineer with Racal Defence (now part of the Thales Group). He then spent seven years in sales and marketing with semiconductor manufacturers, including Toshiba and Hitachi (now Renesas), and twelve years in electronic component distribution. During this time, as Managing Director of Arrow Electronics' Nordic business, he was responsible for the successful integration of Hatteland's component distribution business following their acquisition.

Nick joined Electrocomponents in 2005 and, amongst other achievements, led the worldwide introduction of production packaging – RS' biggest offer launch to date. As General Manager, Electronics, he is responsible for the Group's Electronics business and strategy implementation.





Kevin Thompson
General Manager, Product Management

Having previously worked in the telecommunications and banking industry, Kevin joined the Electrocomponents plc in 1993 in Information Systems Management. Early in his career, he helped launch and develop the Group's award-winning e-Commerce websites. Then, moving into Business Development, he was part of the international expansion team and helped to establish the Japanese business.

As General Manager of Product Management for the last 6 years, Kevin is responsible for the Product Management organisation, marketing and e-Commerce. He is driving both the profitable, customer-demand driven product ranges for electronics design, production and maintenance as well as e-Commerce and marketing strategy implementation. The Groups' e-commerce channel represents 33% of the total sales.



Richard Huxley
Regional General Manager, Asia-Pacific

With a degree majoring in Electronics and Electrical Engineering, Richard's career started in the semiconductor industry where he spent eight years with Hitachi and Samsung in various sales and marketing roles. He joined Arrow Electronics in 1998, where he held senior positions in several of Arrow's different business units in Europe before being promoted to VP of Marketing in Asia Pacific where he played a leading role in establishing and building the Arrow Alliance Business Unit in the region.

In November 2006 Richard joined Electrocomponents as Regional General Manager for Asia-Pacific. He plays a pivotal role in driving the ambitious growth plans for the Asia-Pacific region which consists of 20 sales offices - fourteen in Greater China and the rest in all the major cities across Asia Pacific including Australia, New Zealand, ASEAN and Japan.



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