

## **SOCOTEC UK ACQUIRES HUTTON + ROSTRON, A SPECIALIST OF BUILDING PATHOLOGY**

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SOCOTEC UK, the market leader in testing, inspection and certification (TIC) in the construction and infrastructure sectors, has acquired Hutton + Rostron (H+R), renowned specialists in Building Pathology. This strategic move establishes SOCOTEC as the sole UK company offering end-to-end solutions for all building types, including commercial, residential, industrial, and listed buildings alongside the whole asset lifecycle.

The challenges faced by today's complex construction and built environment, impacts on all types of buildings. Modern buildings pose environmental challenges during both construction and maintenance, while heritage buildings face unique hurdles due to accelerated climate change and material integration. Addressing these issues necessitates a comprehensive and scientific approach, especially in a rapidly changing world under climate stress.

Nicolas Detcheperre, CEO of SOCOTEC UK, emphasised the significance of this acquisition: "H+R, Building Pathology experts, are a perfect addition to our existing building expertise, from building control to engineering. This acquisition not only solidifies our leading position in the Building and Real Estate market, spanning commercial and residential sectors, but also supports our expansion into the dispute and advisory market, offering expert witness services for various disputes. H+R, with their unique expertise, empower us to achieve our ambition of becoming the number one integrated player in the UK Built Environment market."

James Hutton, managing director of H+R, said: "The effective and efficient investigation and remediation of failures in buildings and the built environment is essential. This is a growing problem in an increasingly complex world, especially under accelerated changes in the societies and under the stress of the climate crisis. Building Pathology is a holistic subject for the investigation, diagnosis, prognosis, and remediation of failures in the built environment; based on the understanding of buildings as complex systems evolving over time. H+R share this philosophy with SOCOTEC and together we will be able to meet this growing high value market for all our services."

Hervé Montjotin, CEO of the SOCOTEC Group added: "With 2,000 technical and engineering experts, SOCOTEC UK specifically has 500 building experts and unique expertise in building envelope, building control, fire engineering, sustainability, and structural engineering. With all these disciplines, the company is the only player able to take a holistic approach, setting new industry standards and meeting with new regulatory, health & safety and environmental requirements. SOCOTEC UK accounts for almost 17% of the SOCOTEC Group's revenues of 1.3 billion euros. The group has been a leader in building sustainability for over 70 years, with a technical approach recognised by the private and public clients it supports in 26 countries."

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## ABOUT SOCOTEC

*Accompanying companies for 70 years, the SOCOTEC Group, chaired by Hervé Montjotin, has built its reputation as an independent trusted third party in the fields of risk management, compliance, safety, health and environment in the Building, Real Estate, Infrastructure and Industry sectors.*

*As a guarantor of the integrity, sustainability and performance of built assets, SOCOTEC is developing a range of services in testing, inspection and certification, from technical control, the group's historical expertise, to technical consulting and risk management services related to construction, infrastructure and industrial facilities. Its expertise enables it to support its private and public sector clients throughout the life cycle of their buildings and equipment in order to strengthen their sustainability.*

*No. 1 in construction inspection in France, No. 1 in geotechnical services and construction quality control in the United Kingdom and Italy, the group is a major player in TIC (Testing Inspection Certification) services in the Construction and Infrastructure sectors in Europe and the United States. The SOCOTEC group has consolidated revenues of €1.3 billion (53% of which generated outside France) with 200,000 clients. With a presence in 26 countries and 11,500 employees, it has more than 250 external accreditations, enabling it to act as a trusted third party in many projects.*

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