



Sharon Hamilton appointed MD to spearhead growth at Edge Testing Solutions

One of the UK's fastest growing and largest independent software testing companies, Edge Testing Solutions, part of Eurofins Digital Testing, has announced the appointment of Sharon Hamilton as Managing Director.

The growing firm provides software testing services to public sector bodies and companies that are household names. Its independence and specialism helps attract clients looking to reduce risk and assure the stability of their IT operations.

As the MD, Sharon will be responsible for overseeing all operational, sales, financial and human resources activities and the software testing company's expansion of its client base in the North of England with its Digital Test Hub (DTH) services. These plans will also extend parent company Eurofins' presence in Manchester, Lancashire, Yorkshire and Cheshire. Former CEO and co-founder of Edge Testing, Brian Ferrie, will remain as a strategic advisor for the company.

With over 25 years of testing experience, Sharon has held roles in technology companies as well as financial institutions. She joined Edge Testing's Senior Management Team in 2013, and was previously UK Operations Director where she was instrumental in overseeing the overall growth of the company.

At Edge Testing, Sharon anticipates positive growth in 2018, and beyond, boosted by the wider testing sector expertise and synergies from our parent company Eurofins, the continued delivery of testing services to support digital transformation, and the addition of several new initiatives. These include plans for new UK offices to support the company's *Edge Academy* recruitment and training

operation, and strengthening its specialist DevOps team to support clients in e-commerce, insurance, banking, retail, manufacturing, utilities and telecoms sectors.

Sharon said, "Edge Testing supports a range of complex software change projects for a diverse client base. My ambition is to ensure that the business reaches its full potential and delivers its 2018 strategic objectives through focused investment in key services."

Johan Craeybeckx, Business Line Director Eurofins Digital Testing, said: "We are excited to have Edge Testing Solutions as part of the Eurofins Digital Testing organisation and we look forward to working with Sharon Hamilton in the role of Managing Director. Sharon is a great asset to our management team, not only because of her breadth of experience in the sector, but certainly also because of her leadership skills. Sharon will get our full support and we would like to wish her great success in the new position."

Edge Testing has also announced a further addition to the Executive Board, Kirsten Logue. Kirsten has, under Sharon's mentorship, risen rapidly through the ranks at Edge Testing and is now appointed as Regional Manager for Scotland.

Edge originally launched the Digital Test Hub concept, which was the first of its kind in the UK, in Scotland in 2013, with the second Digital Test Hub opened last year in Birmingham, based on the success of the first one. Both Digital Test Hubs offer clients UK-wide an easily accessed remote testing service for their in-house applications and back office systems.

Edge Testing will be hosting its next 'Testing as part of DevOps' events in Glasgow on 27 June, Edinburgh on 28 June, Birmingham on 10 July and Manchester on 11 July.

For more information, visit: <http://www.edgetesting.co.uk/>

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Company information

Edge Testing, part of Eurofins Digital Testing, is a leading expert in providing world-class software testing solutions. The award winning company is typically engaged when organisations are implementing a new system or making significant changes to an existing system. We ensure systems are fast, secure, available and work as expected in an increasingly complex and distributed digital age.

We test back office systems, e-commerce sites and apps. We test accessing these from multiple devices including desktops, laptops, tablets, touchscreens and smartphones from our purpose built device lab.

Founded in 2007, Edge has grown to over 250 people and boasts some of the UK's premier testing thought leaders and experts. Our own Edge Academy has brought over 60 newcomers into the industry in the past two years.

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