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MTI Baths CEO Kath Adams to Retire



MTI Baths (MTI) CEO Kath Adams has announced plans for retirement after more than three decades of leadership. MTI credits Adams with a large part of their corporate culture that rewards creativity, flexibility and passion.

With a Master of Professional Accounting degree from Georgia State University, Adams joined MTI Whirlpools in 1994 as CFO, she was appointed president in 1998, and led an employee rally in 2001 to purchase the company. In the early 2000's, Kathy's insight and keen intuition saw the industry changing to a design-driven market where quality, innovation and designs were paramount. This designer

focus was pivotal as it evolved the company into the luxury high-end bathing sector.

Adams recognized that a company's employees are its more valuable assets and an integral part of its success. This viewpoint earned MTI repeated recognition as a top workplace and has led to generations of family employees. Adams also showed appreciation to customers.

Adams had a talent for studying big picture trends and finding ways to build on the opportunities they provided.

Perhaps the greatest contribution Adams made has been a focus on leadership development. She defined an MTI leader as one who "helps those around him/her to become successful."

This year MTI became a division of The Engineered Stone Group, a global leader in engineered stone products. Adams' vision in helping to secure this alliance has positioned MTI for exciting growth in the future. This strategic decision is just part of the enduring legacy that Adams leaves behind at MTI. Her contributions and impact will continue to be a vital part of MTI for decades to come.



Jamie Wakem



Amanda Wakem Moore

A. O. Smith Acquires Atlantic Filter Corporation

Water technology company A. O. Smith Corporation has announced the acquisition of Atlantic Filter Corporation, a Florida-based water treatment company. Atlantic Filter joins other A. O. Smith acquisitions in the company's growing North America Water Treatment business.

"A. O. Smith is committed to growing our water treatment business as part of our strategy to deliver innovative, differentiated solutions that heat and treat water," said Kevin J. Wheeler, president and chief executive officer.

Atlantic Filter Corporation is a manufacturer and dealer of quality water treatment equipment for residential, commercial, institutional and industrial use.

James (Jamie) Wakem II, president and chief executive officer of Atlantic Filter Corporation, along with his daughter, Amanda Wakem Moore, will continue leading the Atlantic Filter business and the offices will remain based in West Palm Beach. Moore is a Certified Water Specialist through the Water Quality Association (WQA), serves as Vice President on the Board of Governors of WQA and is a mentor for the organization's Women in Industry Mentoring Program. She is also a member of the Florida WQA.

A. O. Smith Announces Noelle Brigham

A. O. Smith Corporation has announced the appointment of Noelle Brigham, P. E., Env. SP. as the Company's Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Director. Brigham will lead and drive all aspects of the ESG initiatives while developing a long-term strategy for the Company's global commitments and strategy in this field.

Brigham is a licensed Professional Engineer and Envision Sustainability



Professional with more than 20 years of experience in sustainability and environmental engineering in the consumer products and consulting industries.

"Noelle's extensive experience in the ESG space will prove invaluable as we continue A. O. Smith's efforts to blend our business and sustainability goals," said Chuck Lauber, A. O. Smith executive vice president and chief financial officer.