

SSP Group appoints Kari Daniels as CEO, UK & Ireland



Kari Daniels, CEO, UK & Ireland at SSP Group

[SSP Group](#) has announced that Kari Daniels has been appointed as CEO, UK & Ireland. She succeeds Richard Lewis, who will step down from the role and depart the business at the end of the month following an orderly transition period.

Daniels brings a wealth of relevant food retail experience including more than 20 years at Tesco where she most recently spent four years as the CEO of Tesco Ireland, responsible for over 150 stores and more than 13,000 colleagues. Prior to this, she was UK Commercial Director at Tesco. Kari also

currently serves as a Non-Executive Director at Topps Tiles plc.

Daniels has a track record of driving performance across commercial and marketing in both retail and branded FMCG businesses and will work with the UK leadership team to continue to accelerate growth and profit, build market-leading food and beverage propositions, collaborate with our clients and brand partners and shape the sustainability agenda.

Richard Lewis will continue in a consultative capacity until the end of April while Kari completes her induction.

“We are delighted to welcome Kari to SSP. Her extensive knowledge and experience of both retail and food industries make her an ideal successor to Richard in the role, and I’m confident she will accelerate growth in our UK business by putting a clear focus on developing our customer offer and innovating our brands and concepts to cater for the changed world we now operate in. Kari joins at an exciting time for the Group as we continue to make strong progress in our recovery and deliver our growth strategy to further strengthen our market-leading positions in food travel markets globally.

“I would like to thank Richard for his invaluable contribution to the Group during his time in the role. Richard successfully led SSP UK, Ireland and the Netherlands through the COVID-19 pandemic, managing the needs of the business, our clients and customers through extremely challenging and volatile times and steering the business through the recovery. The Board and I wish him the best in his future endeavours,” said Patrick Coveney CEO at SSP Group in a January 11 release.