

Ex COLT President and CEO joins hSo as non-executive director

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hSo seeks to exploit opportunities as Telco market continues to consolidate

One of the UK's most successful IT and communications managed services providers, hSo, has appointed Peter Manning as a Non-Executive Director.

Mr Manning was formerly President and CEO of COLT Telecommunications PLC a FTSE 250 listed, pan-European telecom operator with revenues in excess of £1Bn. Prior to joining COLT, he was the President and CEO of Concert Communications in the USA and his earlier career was spent with BT where he held a number of senior positions in Europe and the USA.

Chris Evans, Managing Director at hSo, said: "We're absolutely delighted that a director of Peter's calibre and experience is joining us at what is a key period in our development. hSo has been growing at more than 100% year on year since our formation in 2000. Whilst we appreciate that growth at that rate isn't sustainable through organic growth alone, we look forward to working closely with Peter to ensure that we can further exploit the ongoing consolidation in the telecommunications sector."

Commenting on his appointment, Peter Manning added: "What hSo has achieved in a few short years is testament to the quality and vision of the company and its management. I'm looking forward to working closely with the hSo team over the coming years and fully anticipate an exciting and hugely rewarding relationship".

Peter Manning, 48, is a Chartered Engineer and Fellow of the Institute of Electrical Engineers, a Fellow of the Institute of Directors, a Liveryman of London (Worshipful Company of Information Technologists), and holds a first class Honours degree in Computer Science. He is married with three children and in his spare time coaches rugby and soccer. A keen runner, he also enjoys kayaking and diving.

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