



BIOGRAPHY

David Russell

David Russell is **Director, Facilities & Real Estate Solutions (FRES)** for Discovery Networks Europe, Middle-East and Africa (EMEA). David joined Discovery in September 2006 and reports to Arthur Bastings, Managing Director, Discovery Networks Europe, Middle-East and Africa (EMEA).

David is responsible for overseeing the Facilities & Real Estate areas of Discovery Networks Europe, including oversight for all offices throughout the UK and EMEA. He assesses property opportunities in local markets, oversees space planning functions and travel policy and maintains a high level of service for employees within the regional headquarters.

As Director, Facilities and Real Estate Solutions (FRES), David makes centralized purchasing policies and plans for short and longer-term business support. He oversees the managers in their daily work within the Facilities & Real Estate Solutions department and provides guidance and assistance to ensure the smooth running of all projects and works closely with the department managers to provide an enabling and enhancing working environment.

Prior to joining Discovery, David was a Tank Commander in the 2nd Royal Tank Regiment where he learnt the value of teamwork and effective leadership. He studied at Cranfield Business Management School and in particular business change. Previous roles include Interim Director, Central Services for the Benfield Group PLC, where he was tasked to review, assess and analyse Central Services and provide recommendations to develop the departments offering in order to deliver a cost effective high quality service; a Senior Manager for KPMG LLP within the UK Corporate Facilities; and for Goldman Sachs International as an Operations Manager for their EMEA regions.

David is a member of the British Institute of Facilities Management (MBIFM), ROSPA Safety Inspector, IOSH Technical Safety Practitioner (Tech Sp) and an Affiliate Member of the Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply.