

# Samuel Knight expands its US presence with new hire and plans for Chicago

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Leading energy and rail recruitment firm, Samuel Knight International, has announced plans to extend its US operations with a new head office in Chicago as the need for rail infrastructure talent in the city looks set to grow.

With a strong track record in supporting some of the world's most exciting engineering projects in over 30 countries, the £16 million pound turnover business plans to extend this expansion across Boston, California and Atlanta to support employment as demand for niche energy and rail professionals increases in the States.

The firm has also welcomed a new Chairman to help drive this growth. James Barbour-Smith (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/james-barbour-smith-1165a573/>) joins the agency, bringing with him a wealth of experience in working with numerous fast growing businesses to develop and implement their growth strategies. Drawing on almost twenty years in private equity investment and portfolio management involving over 50 companies in a broad range of sectors, James also has an extensive background across the US and European markets.

Commenting on this latest news, Steve Rawlingson (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/stevenrawlingson/>), CEO of Samuel Knight and President of Samuel Knight Corp, said:

"We know from experience that the States offers a wealth of opportunity for rail, energy and infrastructure recruitment and as we've seen demand for our services increase in the US, expanding our physical presence across the States made complete sense. Now really is the time for excelled growth for us which is why we're investing in these four new offices - with the potential for more to be opened further down the line."

James Barbour-Smith added:

"There's huge investment in offshore and onshore energy in the US at the moment. Given the firm's global experience in attracting niche talent in these fields, Samuel Knight is undoubtedly well placed to support business across the States and deliver the results that reflect this investment. I look forward to working with the team as Chairman in this exciting period of growth."

Notes to editors

Established in 2014, Samuel Knight Corporation is a market leading recruitment and project manpower specialist, providing engineering, technical and construction professionals on a permanent, temporary and project basis globally. It was formed to create bespoke innovative solutions for clients, offering a full spectrum of solutions, knowledge and experience for the international energy and rail markets. (<https://samuel-knight.com/> (<https://samuel-knight.com/>))

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