

# Paul Grota takes the helm at WSP in South Africa

Paul Grota has been appointed managing director for WSP in South Africa. He takes the reins from Mathieu du Plooy who has moved to the UK to take up the role of chief operating officer for the UK and South Africa.



Paul Grota, MD, WSP in South Africa

Grota joined WSP in November 2014 as part of the Parsons Brinckerhoff acquisition where he was head of operations for Africa. After the acquisition, Grota led the integration of WSP and Parsons Brinckerhoff in Africa and has, until recently, been the COO for the power, industry, and property business units.



Michelle Jackson, MD for Property and Buildings, WSP

As Grota moves into his new role, Michelle Jackson joins WSP from Turner & Townsend as managing director for property and buildings from 1 February 2022. Most recently, Jackson has been leading Turner & Townsend's data centre business, having also led a variety of projects and business units across sectors, including property, infrastructure, oil and gas, and mining. Jackson also supported the development and management of Turner & Townsend's regional West African business, as well as successfully managing projects in Mozambique, Nigeria and Ghana.

With new leadership in place, WSP remains focused on playing its part in Africa's sustainable development, says Grota: "There is no denying the massive infrastructure needs in Africa."

"To keep up with the demands of rapid population growth and urbanisation, and to support existing industries while helping to establish new ones, infrastructure remains a key contributor to economic activity and social development needs."

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