



## **BOFA International press release – Official Opening – Final**

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### **HRH The Duke of Kent Officially Opens BOFA's New Corporate HQ and Centre of Excellence**

His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent has this week officially opened a new state-of-the-art corporate head office in Poole, Dorset for BOFA International, a world leader in industrial fume and dust extraction technology.

The visit by His Royal Highness to the company's new 12,000 sq ft premises acknowledges BOFA's remarkable success since a management buy-out in 2015, during which time it has grown its export markets to over 120 countries and achieved recognition of its technological leadership through a Queen's Award for Innovation.

The new building is home to corporate services, including customer support, marketing, product management, HR and finance, but will also house one of the world's most advanced fume and dust extraction research and development facilities.

"We are very proud to fly the flag for British manufacturing and our investment in these new facilities will enhance our ability to innovate and expand as we drive forward our ambitious plans for the future," said Tony Lockwood, BOFA Managing Director. "Our achievement of the Queen's Award for Innovation last year reaffirmed to me the importance of the company's core values of innovation, customer service and support for our people in the implementation of our strategic plans to meet growing worldwide demand for our technology."

BOFA is one of the fastest growing businesses in Dorset, employing over 250 people in the design and production of fume and dust extraction systems that remove harmful airborne contaminants associated with industrial processes.

The new building increases the company's footprint in Poole by 25% and includes an R&D facility to support the work of BOFA's 14-strong specialist team of chartered engineers and technicians. This technical excellence was acknowledged through the Queen's Award for Innovation in 2017 for the company's development of its Intelligent Operating (iQ) platform – a world 'first' that brings new levels of monitoring, analytics and control to extraction system performance.

In addition to its UK investment, the company has opened a new office in Germany, added a business development function in Poland and significantly enhanced its USA operation.

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## **Notes**

### **BOFA International**

BOFA International launched in 1987 as a small family business and has developed into a multi-award winning global leader in fume extraction and filtration, acknowledged as number one in the industry.

It now employs over 200 people at its headquarters in Poole, Dorset, and in addition has offices in Germany and the USA.

Its expertise in providing reliable, high quality fume extraction solutions has become well established over the last 31 years and trusted by all sizes of business in a wide cross section of industries including laser, electronics, mechanical engineering, printing, 3D printing, dental, medical, pharmaceutical and beauty.