

Former GCS Execs Launch Service Group

Three industry veterans have launched North American Commercial Parts & Service, a holding company for regional parts and service businesses.

With two businesses under its umbrella to date, in California and Connecticut, the company aims to serve major metro markets throughout North America.

Former GCS Service execs Wes Tyler, Sam Mazzilli and Jim O'Brien will serve the new company as president, v.p. of operations and v.p. of corporate development, respectively. They're joined by Tom Klein, v.p. of finance. Klein brings finance experience from various startup companies, primarily in the biotech industry.

"There's a real need for consistent, high-quality, customer-centered service in our industry," Tyler said.

"Our total package of quality service and parts—delivered by locals to locals—offers a more efficient and reliable way of addressing customers' equipment needs," he added.

The Fairfield, Conn., holding company owns and operates A-Tech Commer-

cial Parts & Service, Manchester, Conn., serving all of New England; and Industrial Electric Commercial Parts & Service, Huntington Beach, Calif., covering Southern California. Both companies will continue to operate under their own names.

Bunn-O-Matic's Starr Passes

John Starr, v.p. of worldwide marketing and managing director of international sales for Bunn-O-Matic Corp., died Dec. 16 in Taiwan of heart failure. He was 57.

Starr joined Bunn in 2000 after almost 30 years of international management and sales experience.

Previous jobs included positions with PepsiCo Foods Int'l., United Brands,

Lawry's Foods of Mexico, T.J. Lipton USA Foodservice and Maryland Club Foods.

He was also president and owner of Gaggia Espanola in Barcelona, a manufacturer of professional espresso machines.

Starr had degrees from Yale and Stanford. He is survived by his wife, Christy, and two daughters.

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