

Meridian moving in on TAG

Following speculation since the demise of the Tag McLaren company, Meridian has confirmed that it has acquired the 56,000 square-foot state-of-the-art, purpose-built facility including manufacturing, warehousing, development and office space set in 5 acres at Beaufort Park, to the north of Huntingdon.

The impressive new facility will be home to the company's UK Headquarters, and its US subsidiary, Meridian America, Inc has already relocated into a new, larger premises. The moves follow the launch of the G-Series at CEDIA last year, since when Meridian Audio has been working flat out to supply unprecedented demand for their new line of products as well as increasing popularity of the company's unique and widely praised DSP-based loudspeaker systems and the flagship 800 Reference Series. Late last year, printed-circuit board assembly capacity had to be trebled, and staff now work around the clock to meet increased demand.

"We build everything on-site, here in Huntingdon, and it became evident that we simply needed more room to grow," said Meridian's Chairman and co-founder Bob Stuart. "It was extremely fortuitous that we were offered this ideal facility at just the right time.

"We anticipate continuing expansion," Stuart continued, "and in keeping with the increasing popularity of our products, we are now better-placed to ramp up both manufacture and design efforts. We expect to introduce some significant innovations over the coming period," he concluded.

Meridian's US headquarters move is to a larger facility in Austell, near Atlanta, GA. "Like the UK, we were just running out of room," said Marc Koval, VP Operations at Meridian America Inc, the company's US subsidiary. "The United States accounts for a significant proportion of Meridian's business worldwide," he went on, "and we have been seeing a major upturn in demand, not solely for the G Series but also for both loudspeakers and 800 Series products. That has meant that we've needed to expand warehousing and other facilities," he said. "We now also have a much more extensive training facility, with a classroom that can handle 18 delegates, and two new demo rooms for the products. The training area has independent access and services."

Meridian UK will be moving to its new headquarters at the beginning of August. Telephone numbers and email addresses will remain unchanged.