



McMullen and Hariharan join Syska Hennessy

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New York, NY Donn McMullen, CFM, BCxP, an expert in facility operations, and Divya Hariharan, MBA, have joined the New York office of Syska Hennessy Group.

In his new roles of technical manager and senior associate, McMullen will lead facilities management and commissioning projects.

McMullen has 30 years of experience. Most recently, he served as commissioning manager at Turner Construction Co., where he supervised the team supporting the commissioning and turnover of building systems in the Kimmel Pavilion at NYU Langone Medical Center. Previously, he was the director of global operations for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, overseeing maintenance, engineering, and utilities for R&D facilities.

“Facilities management has become increasingly complex as more and more organizations embrace automation and integrated systems,” said Robert Ioanna, senior principal and managing director of Syska’s New York City office. “Donn has worked on many large-scale projects, and he’s comfortable with these high levels of complexity. We will draw on his expertise as we apply the latest industry innovations to our client work.”

McMullen received an MS in Bioengineering from Pennsylvania State University and a BA in Engineering and Applied Sciences from Harvard University. He is a member of the International Facilities Management Association (IFMA).

As director of strategic initiatives, Hariharan will be based in the firm’s New York City office.

In her new role on the business advisory team, Hariharan will lead facilities management, real estate, leasing, and the rollout of a new enterprise resource planning system.

Previously, she worked at MetLife Group Inc., most recently as director – strategy & planning. Her earlier positions there focused on program management, governance, and global projects. Before joining MetLife, she served as a strategic sourcing analyst at Pride Technologies in New York City, and as a software developer at Mastek Ltd. in Mumbai, India.

“Divya has a business background and an engineering background, which is an ideal combination,” said Cyrus Izzo, co-president of Syska. “Her technical understanding of the field allows her to balance operational considerations with the needs of our staff. This balance is critical to strategic decision-making.”

Hariharan earned her MBA from Rutgers Business School, and holds a bachelor’s degree in Computer Engineering from K.J. Somaiya College of Engineering in Mumbai.