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## Dutch Wonderland, Cartoon Network Hotel Welcome New General Manager

*James Paulding will lead Palace Entertainment's Central PA properties, including award-winning family park and world's first Cartoon Network Hotel*

**LANCASTER, PA (May 6, 2021)** – As a new season nears for Dutch Wonderland, the award-winning children's park welcomes a new general manager to the Kingdom for Kids!

James Paulding takes over Dutch Wonderland and its two sister properties in Lancaster County, the Cartoon Network Hotel and Old Mill Stream Campground, as all three properties prepare for a promising summer season. Paulding began at Dutch Wonderland on Monday, April 12 after an impressive career within the amusement industry, primarily spent with Merlin Entertainments. He last worked as a multi-attraction general manager overseeing SEA LIFE Orlando Aquarium and Madame Tussauds, and those diversified duties prepare him well for his new role. Paulding leads the teams operating three unique locations:

- The world's first [Cartoon Network Hotel](#), a 159-room property themed to Cartoon Network's many hit popular shows, including ***Adventure Time, PowerPuff Girls, Ben 10, We Bare Bears and Steven Universe***.
- [Dutch Wonderland](#), the amusement park voted *Best Family Park* in 2019's Golden Ticket Awards
- Old Mill Stream Campground, an outdoors lodging venue next to Dutch Wonderland able to accommodate more than 150 sites for tent camping, RV stops, and rustic cabin stays

Raised in Sheffield, England, Paulding brings more than 30 years of industry experience to Dutch Wonderland and the Cartoon Network Hotel. After a stint as Operations and Entertainment Director at Alton Towers, he relocated to the United States to serve as Merlin Entertainments' Head of New Openings, bringing 15 major attractions online throughout North America. He then shifted directly to managing some of those attractions, first as Regional General Manager for the Southeast U.S. before transitioning to leading key Orlando properties SEA LIFE Orlando Aquarium and Madame Tussauds, along with opening and managing the Orlando Eye until 2018.

"I can't wait to get started and learn more about Dutch Wonderland and the Cartoon Network Hotel, great locations that bring smiles to so many in the local community and beyond," James says. "There is so much potential within the unique attractions, and I look forward to working with the teams and having a great season in 2021."

The first priority for James and the rest of the teams is continuing the key health and safety steps that best prevent the spread of COVID-19. While Cartoon Network Hotel and Old Mill Stream Campground are currently open and accepting bookings with numerous safety restrictions in place, Dutch Wonderland will begin its 2021 Summer Season on Saturday, May 15, providing some vital time to prepare before guests arrive! Additionally, the teams at all three properties continue to seek new recruits to join James in providing safe, fun and family-friendly experiences. Those interested can learn more and apply online at [DutchWonderland.com/jobs](https://DutchWonderland.com/jobs) or [CartoonNetworkHotel.com/jobs](https://CartoonNetworkHotel.com/jobs).

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**About Dutch Wonderland and Palace Entertainment:**

Dutch Wonderland, located in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch Country, is a kingdom for kids and the perfect place for family fun. Awarded the 2019 Golden Ticket for Best Family Park by Amusement Today, the theme park features over 35 rides, attractions, & shows, as well as overnight accommodations at Old Mill Stream Campground and the Cartoon Network Hotel, perfect for out of town guests.

Palace Entertainment is one of the leading leisure park operators in the United States, with 21 major entertainment and educational venues across 10 different states offering a wide range of family-friendly rides, attractions and educational experiences. Palace Entertainment is part of Parques Reunidos, one of the leading global operators, with more than 60 different assets (theme parks, zoos and marine parks, water parks and other attractions), spread out over various countries across Europe, North America, the Middle East, and Australia.