



I'm **Michelle Sanders**

Chief Growth Officer, Compass Group UK & Ireland

Michelle is responsible for delivering our overarching growth agenda, overseeing our wider growth community team across all sectors. She is passionate about clients and providing exceptional services.

Michelle joined Compass in 2025, having previously been the Managing Director of Samworth Brothers Futures, where she focused on exploring upcoming trends and fostering connections in non-traditional retail domains. Here she also drove significant foresight on future industry trends and challenges including health, supply chain resilience and ESG.

She initially joined Samworth Brothers as Sales Director in 2013 and moved her way up through other business and commercial roles, including Category Commercial Director for the 'food to go' division – the company's largest sector. Prior to that, she worked at Noble Foods and Associated British Foods.

Michelle lives in Leicestershire with her partner and her sausage dog. She enjoys keeping fit, which offsets her passion for cooking delicious food!