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ETRC AGM re-elects Nigel Keal as President as association prepares to mark 20th anniversary

At the Annual General Meeting on 27 June in London, Nigel Keal was unanimously re-elected as President by the members of ETRC to lead the association for another one-year term.

Furthermore, participants at the AGM received a full briefing on campaigns and issues affecting the sector, including policy updates and the impact of elections in the European Union, United Kingdom and France.

Strengthening its network and relevance, ETRC welcomed two regional associations over the past year: BTRA (Benelux Travel Retail Association) and FETRE (Federación Española del Travel Retail), representing Benelux and Spain respectively on the Supervisory Board of ETRC.

The President stressed the importance for companies operating in Duty Free and Travel Retail to support national and regional associations in addition to ETRC, as the association is set to celebrate its 20 years of existence at the TFWA World Exhibition and Conference later this year.

Nigel Keal, President of ETRC, commented on his re-election: *“I am really excited to steer ETRC for the year ahead which coincides not only with our 20th anniversary but also the start of a new political cycle in Europe. I hope it will enable us to move some key topics on our agenda, including Arrivals Duty Free in the EU and UK. I thank the members of ETRC for their trust as well as my colleagues on the Managing and Supervisory Boards for their time and dedication to ETRC in addition to busy daily jobs.”*

In addition to President Nigel Keal, the Managing Board is currently composed of:

- Tom Byrne, Vice-President Aviation Affairs
- Pedro Castro, Vice-President External Affairs
- Donatienne de Fontaines-Guillaume, Vice-President Brands
- Piret Mürk-Dubout, Vice-President Maritime Affairs
- Nina Semprecht, Vice-President Communications and Public Affairs

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About the European Travel Retail Confederation

The European Travel Retail Confederation (ETRC) is an industry association for the duty free and travel retail industry in Europe, serving the industry and its members to help create the right environment to allow the industry to achieve its potential and protect it when challenges arise.

ETRC is composed of national and regional affiliated trade associations representing over 200 European companies, Tax Free World Association (TFWA) representing 500 brand companies, and direct corporate membership from individual companies working in the duty free and travel retail trade across Europe and beyond. The European Travel Retail Confederation's operations are directed by its Supervisory and Managing Boards and carried out by a full-time secretariat. For more information about the organisation, please see our website – www.etrc.org