**Board members and Officers elections**

**Term March 2015-2017**

# The Middle East & Africa Duty Free Association (MEADFA) held its Annual General Meeting on Monday, March 16, 2015 in Dubai at the Jumeirah Creekside Hotel.

The meeting, led by MEADFA President and Vice President Operations at Dubai Duty Free, Mr. Sean Staunton, focused on reviewing the activity of MEADFA over the last year.

The MEADFA financials were also reviewed and budget approved for the coming year.

The Election for the new term starting from March 2015 to February 2017 was conducted.

The members selected the following board whilst the new board selected the committee officers as follows:

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| Mr. Sean Staunton | * Dubai Duty Free | * President |
| Mr. Taleb Izmigna | * WDF - ALDEASA Jordan Airport Duty Free | * Vice President |
| Mr. Tom Byrne | * Muscat Duty Free | * Treasurer |
| Mr. Sherif Toulan | * International Duty Free and Trading Agencies Ltd | * Secretary General |
| Mr. Philip Eckles | * Aer Rianta International Middle East |  |
| Mr. Keith Hunter | * Qatar Duty Free Company |  |
| Mr. John Reynolds | * Chalhoub Group |  |
| Mr. Haitham Al Majali | * Jordan Duty Free Shops |  |
| Mr. Erik Juul-Mortensen | * Tax Free World Association |  |
| Mr. Blacky Komani | * Tourvest Duty Free |  |
| Mr. Tarek Hamila | * Hamila Duty Free |  |
| Mr. Karl Raphael | * Aphrodite Duty Free Shops |  |

Mr. Sean Staunton expressed his thanks to the outgoing Board members for their support and contribution to making MEADFA as successful as it is today. He, as well, welcomed the new Board members and thanked them for re-electing him as the president of MEADFA for the new term and also wished the officers elected the best of luck in running the Association.

Mr. Staunton said “It is an honour and pleasure to be reelected as President of MEADFA.  Our region is experiencing tremendous growth whilst also facing many challenges.  MEADFA aims to expand on the success we are achieving as an association.  Africa is now an important part of MEADFA as one third of the MEADFA members operate in Africa.  We are a strong, unified association and we aim to strengthen the peer group workings within our association.  Training will continue to be at the forefront.  We set out two years ago to develop our communication externally with other associations, suppliers and relevant government bodies.  This has been very successful for us and will continue to be a strategic key to the development and existence of MEADFA.”