## چمعیة الشرق الأوسطة والورمقیا للأسواق الحرة MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA DUTY FREE ASSOCIATION

## MEADFA PRESS RELEASE

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- President

- Treasurer

- Vice President

- Secretary General

## Board members and Officers elections Term March 2017-2019

The Middle East & Africa Duty Free Association (MEADFA) held its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 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 2017 to February 2019 was conducted. The members selected the following board whilst the new board selected the committee officers as follows:

Mr. Haitham Al Majali - Jordan Duty Free Shops

Mr. Nuno Amaral - AerRianta International Middle East

Mr. Tarek Hamila - Hamila Duty Free

Mr. Sherif Toulan - International Duty Free and Trading Agencies Ltd

Mr. Sean Staunton - Dubai Duty Free

Mr. Luis Gasset - Qatar Duty Free Company

Mr. John Reynolds - Chalhoub Group

Mr. Erik Juul-Mortensen - Tax Free World Association

Mr. Taleb Izmigna - Dufry Jordan - Jordan Airport Duty Free

Mr. Karl Raphael - Aphrodite Duty Free Shops

Mr. Nicolas Van Brandt - IDF Africa & Middle East DWC - LLC

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 wished the new President Mr. Haitham Al Majali and the officers elected the best of luck in running the Association.

Mr. Haitham Al Majali said: "I am excited and honored to take on this role. Being a founding member of MEADFA, I witnessed the growth and strategic development of the Association over the past 16 years. Sean Staunton has definitely broaden the association's perspective; I would like to congratulate him on leading the board to a very successful term.

I look forward to partnering with my fellow board members to deliver on our vision and help accelerate the strategic actions to strengthen the Association's growth".

Earlier this year MEADFA welcomed Middle East Airlines as a new member of the Association.

The MEADFA Conference 2017 is to be held on Nov 20-21 in Beirut.

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