

# New senior structure announced for Etihad Aviation Group

The Etihad Aviation Group Board of Directors has announced that James Hogan, current president and chief executive officer, will step down from the company in the second half of this year. Hogan will, with Etihad Aviation Group CFO, James Rigney, who will also leave the company later this year, join an investment company.

With the formation of the global aviation and travel organisation, Etihad Aviation Group in May of 2016, development of senior management structures have been established. Team members include CEO Peter Baumgartner; COO of Etihad Airways, Richard Hill; CEO of Airline Equity Partners, Bruno Matheu; CEO of Etihad Airways Engineering, Jeff Wilkinson and Darren Peisley, acting managing director of Hala. The group was further strengthened by the announcement of managing director, Chris Youlten as lead of Etihad Airport Services. The group chiefs leading core corporate functions include Kevin Knight for strategy and planning; Ray Gammell for people and performance; Rob Webb for technology and innovation and Harsh Mohan for executive affairs.

Etihad has also announced plans to create a European leisure airline group with TUI AG. A new codeshare agreement with Lufthansa and an aircraft leasing agreement between airberlin and Lufthansa were also announced.

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