

Dufry announces changes to executive committee

Jose Antonio Gea, Deputy Group CEO of leading operator Dufry, will step down from his position of Deputy CEO and member of the Global Executive Committee from December 31, 2020.

Gea joined Dufry as Global Chief Operating Officer in 2004 and was appointed Deputy Group CEO in 2018.

In a further announcement, Dufry has appointed Salvatore Aricò as Chief Organization & Transformation Officer to the Global Executive Committee, reporting to the CEO, Julián Díaz.

Aricò is currently acting as Dufry's Global Human Resources Director. He joined the company in 2014 during the acquisition of Swiss operator Nuance and has an in-depth know-how of the travel retail industry, Dufry said.

In his new role, effective January 1, 2021, he will focus on driving the further development and transformation of the company organization. The human resources department will remain the responsibility of Luis Marin, Chief Corporate Officer.

Julián Díaz, CEO of Dufry Group, said: "In the name of the Dufry Board of Directors and the management team, I would like to thank Jose Antonio Gea for his extraordinary and long-lasting contribution to and performance for the growth of the company. Jose Antonio joined Dufry in 2004 and continuously evolved Dufry's operational excellence with great dedication, thus successfully aligning the business model to both the growth of the company as well as the changing market and customer requirements. We wish him lots of success for his future professional endeavors and all the best for his private life."

He continued: "I welcome Salvatore Aricò as a new member of our Global Executive Committee and wish him an ongoing success in his new role and area of responsibility. Salvatore has been instrumental in the integration of our transformational acquisitions of Nuance and World Duty Free and has ever since successfully contributed to shape the new company culture and drive the evolution of Dufry's organization."