

Haitham Al Majali elected as MEADFA President for second time

The Middle East & Africa Duty Free Association held its Board elections for the new term from April 2019 to March 2021 during its annual meeting on April 2 in Dubai.

The Associate members selected the following Board, while the new Board selected the committee officers as follows:

President: Mr Haitham Al Majali, CEO, Jordan Duty Free Shops;
Vice President: Mr Sherif Toulan, CEO, IDFTA Ltd;
Treasurer: Mr Tarek Hamila, CEO, Hamila Duty Free;
Secretary General: Mr Taleb Izmigna, Chairman, Dufry Jordan;
Mr Bernard Creed, Senior VP Finance, Dubai Duty Free;
Mr Nuno Amaral, CEO, AerRianta International Middle East;
Mr Nicolas Van Brandt, CEO, IDF Africa & Middle East DWC - LLC;
Mr Alain Maingreud, President, Tax Free World Association;
Mr David Bisset, CEO, Lagardère Travel Retail;
Mr Karl Raphael, CEO/ Chairman, Aphrodite Duty Free Shops;
Mr Felix Brunner, General Manager, Dufry Sharjah.

The meeting witnessed the election of the first Board member representing the Affiliate category under the Tobacco group to represent them on the MEADFA Board: Ms Rita Chidiac, Corporate Affairs & Communication Manager Worldwide Duty Free, JT International.

Mr Haitham Al Majali, elected as MEADFA President for the second time, thanked the outgoing Board members for their support and contribution to making MEADFA as successful as it is today. He also welcomed the new Board members and wished the officers elected the best of luck in running the association.

Al Majali said: "It is a pleasure and honor to be elected as the MEADFA President for the second time. My sincere gratitude to the members for their trust.

"Since the introduction of the Affiliate category, our membership grew to 44 members. A new chapter in direct collaboration with the affiliate members, and it is indeed an exciting and interesting period joining forces for the best advantage of the duty free and travel retail industry in the Middle East and Africa region.

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