

# Travel Retail Consortium reveals new Chair



Jonathan Corbett is the new Chair of the Travel Retail Consortium

The Travel Retail Consortium (TRC) has announced Jonathan Corbett as its new Chair.

Corbett has stepped up from the position of Vice Chair, and succeeds Swiss Eyewear Group's Rebecca Harwood Lincoln, who has completed her two-year term. He took up the position on January 1, 2019.

Corbett is the Sales and Operations Manager of CG Hibbert, a leading supplier of duty free wines, spirits, beer, tobacco and other tax free products to the travel retail industry in the UK and Europe. CG Hibbert represents Guinness at the TRC.

He will be supported by two new Vice Chairs: Jeannie Archer, Sales Manager of Morgan & Oates, the cashmere and fine wool accessories specialist; and Sophie Blundy, Regional Executive - Southern & Eastern Europe & Travel Retail for the Twinings tea company.

Commenting on Corbett's appointment, outgoing Chair Rebecca Harwood Lincoln said: "I've really enjoyed chairing the TRC and I think we have achieved a great deal over the last two years in areas such as membership expansion, advancing our members' interests and raising funds for charities. The travel retail industry as a whole is very exciting right now, and I believe Jonathan is the ideal person to take the TRC, and its members, forward."

The new chairmanship team are looking to build on a successful 2018, during which two new companies joined the membership in the form of Swiss brand Skross, known for its travel adapter range, and RHA, the UK technology company which specializes in personal audio equipment.

A major highlight of 2018 was TRC's annual customer event. Members and guests from UK and European-based airlines, airports, ferries, concessionaires and distributors enjoyed business and social networking, culminating in a river cruise.

Representatives from Condor Ferries, DFASS, DFDS, Dufry, Harding Retail, Jet2.com, P&O Ferries, Scandlines, Tourvest and WH Smith attended.

At the event, funds were raised for the Children's Hyperinsulinism Charity, a UK-based organization to support families who have children with congenital hyperinsulinism. The TRC has continued to raise funds for the charity, and the proceeds will be presented to the charity at the TRC's January meeting.

The Travel Retail Consortium is a UK-based suppliers' networking group, whose focus is serving buyers and retailers in the travel retail industry.

In addition to Skross and RHA, the other members are Accolade Wines, Aurora, Coty, Guinness, Heineken, Imperial Tobacco, Invu, Kurate, Mars, Morgan & Oates, Remy Cointreau, Sekonda, Taittinger and Twinings.