

## ARI taps Paul Neeson to join daa International in Saudi Arabia



Paul Neeson is set to join daa International as Chief Commercial Officer at King Abdulaziz International Airport in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia from April

Aer Rianta International (ARI) has announced that Paul Neeson, Director of Retail, ARI Ireland, will join a sister daa company, daa International, as Chief Commercial Officer at King Abdulaziz International Airport in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia from April.

Since 2000, Neeson has brought “great leadership, business acumen, passion and innovation to ARI”, the operator said. “This will hugely benefit daa International and the wider daa Group in this exciting new venture.”

Speaking of the appointment, Ray Hernan, Chief Executive Officer, ARI, commented: “Today ARI announces that Paul Neeson will join the daa International team in Saudi Arabia. With over 20 years’ experience in travel retail, Paul’s talent, formidable skillset and his ability to successfully drive the development of world-class retail concepts and offerings stand testament to him. Paul has been an instrumental part of the ARI team. We will miss him greatly and wish him well with this exciting new

opportunity as part of the wider daa Group.”

Neeson said: “I am thrilled to be joining the daa International team in April in a ground-breaking new adventure. My drive to create the best customer experience possible is something I will carry tirelessly into my new role. I will sorely miss working with Ray and the incredible team at ARI at a time when ARI moves into a major expansion program in Portugal and with an ambitious vision for further growth. The ARI team are quite phenomenal and I thank everyone for their unwavering support and best wishes for the future.”

Over the coming weeks ARI will progress the recruitment of a new Director of Retail, ARI Ireland.