

MEADFA board elects Mr. Sherif Toulan as President

The Middle East and Africa Duty Free Association (MEADFA) elected its new board at its virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM) on March 30, 2021.

The elected board and committee officers follow:

Mr. Sherif Toulan - CEO, IDFTA Ltd. - President

Ms. Isabel Zarza - COO Central & North Europe, Russia and Africa - Vice President

Mr. Karl Raphael - CEO/ Chairman, Aphrodite SARL - Secretary General

Dr. Bernard Creed - Senior VP Finance, Dubai Duty Free - Treasurer

Mr. Haitham Al Majali - CEO, Jordan Duty Free Shops

Mr. David Bisset - CEO, Lagardère Travel Retail

Mr. Frederic Garcia-Pelayo - President, Tax Free World Association

Mr. Richard Gray - CEO, AerRianta International Middle East

Mr. Tarek Hamila - Owner, Hamila Duty Free

Mr. Alexandre Tabacoff - Cluster General Manager, Dufry Sharjah

Mr. Nicolas Van Brandt - CEO, IDF Africa & Middle East DWC - LLC

The following Affiliate members were elected to represent their respective groups:

Ms. Rita Chidiac - Corporate Affairs & Communication Manager WWDF, JT International

Mr. Roger Jackson - Managing Director, Organico Solutions

Mr. Mazen Kaddoura - Regional Business Development Manager - Mars International Travel Retail

Exiting President Mr. Haitham Al Majali thanked members for their support during his two (2) terms and wished success to the new board; new President Mr. Sherif Toulan expressed thanks to Al Majali and outgoing officers for their leadership during these times, then welcomed and wished best of luck to new Board members and officers.

Mr. Toulan stated: "It is a pleasure and honor to be elected as the MEADFA President. My sincere gratitude to the members for their trust. A warm welcome to Roger and Mazen as new board members. They will bring a wealth of expertise in their field and will be an added value to our association. I am excited to work closely with the new appointed officers and grow the association stronger. MEADFA will make sure to be part of the industry recovery in the region, unification is key to overcome the current challenges and persevere. I highly encourage the stakeholders to join MEADFA and its efforts in the recovery phase."