

Press Release, 1 October 2019

Sarah Branquinho elected DFWC President

The Duty Free World Council (DFWC) following its AGM has announced the election of Ms. Sarah Branquinho, in a unanimous decision, to the role of President of the Council for a two year term.

Branquinho, External Affairs Advisor at Dufry International AG, had previously served on the board of the DFWC in her former role as President of ETRC. She is well known within the industry as a figure with long duty free & travel retail experience and a history of active contribution to various industry bodies in addition to her corporate responsibilities.

Branquinho commented, "I am honoured to have been entrusted with taking the Duty Free World Council forward over the next two years.

Under Frank O'Connell's superb leadership, the DFWC has become a vocal and effective advocate for our industry in the face of many challenges to the way we operate.

I look forward to working with the regional associations and TFWA to protect and promote the duty free and travel retail channel and the contribution it makes to the travel and tourism ecosystem".

The board of the Duty Free World Council (DFWC) has welcomed Ms. Branquinho to the role and expressed their satisfaction at having such a capable individual take over the leadership of the Council in the important role it plays in promoting the interests of the industry. The board recorded their appreciation of outgoing DFWC President Mr. Frank O'Connell, who has served since its founding 6 years ago and enabled it to interact with relevant global organisations, protecting and supporting the interests of all industry stakeholders.

O'Connell added, "I am very pleased to hand on the responsibility for the future development of the Council to Sarah, who I have worked closely with for many years and who I know will lead the Council to the next level".

The new DFWC Board is, Ms. Sarah Branquinho, President, Mr. Grant Fleming, President APTRA, Mr. Gustavo Fagundes, President ASUTIL, Mr. Nigel Keal, President ETRC, Mr. Abe Taqtaq, President FDFA, Mr. René Riedi, President IAADFS, Mr. Haitham Al-Majali, President MEADFA and Mr. Alain Maingraud, President TFWA.

About the Duty Free World Council

The Duty Free World Council, the DFWC, is the industry association representing the interests of the global duty free and travel retail channel and has the overall objective of creating the optimal operating environment for the industry that will allow it to achieve its full potential.

Contact:

Gerard Murray Executive Secretary, | T: +32 2 354 73 21 | gerard.murray@dfworldcouncil.com

