



## New Airline Catering Association launches

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Leading airline caterers dnata, DO & CO, gategroup, the LSG Group and Newrest have come together to launch the Airline Catering Association (ACA), a non-profit international organisation which will represent the common interests of the airline catering industry.

The ACA will address matters including: food, health and safety issues, environmental concerns and taxation affairs. Additionally, it will monitor and support relevant regulatory initiatives at the global, European and national levels. The association is open to all companies with sizeable international activities in the airline catering business.

Each member company will be represented by its ceo or another member of its executive board. Currently, it consists of Robin Padgett, ceo of dnata, Attila Dogudan, ceo of DO & CO, Xavier Rossinyol, ceo of gategroup, Erdmann Rauer, ceo of the LSG Group, and Olivier Sadran, co-president of Newrest.

“The ideas brought up and discussions that took place during our first Strategic Committee meeting clearly underlined the need for and the purpose of the ACA,” said Erdmann Rauer, who becomes president of the ACA Strategic Committee.

“Initially, we will focus our efforts on dealing with the regulatory challenges in Europe that presently require particular attention. Mid-term, however, we are targeting a global reach of our activities and initiatives in order to leverage the combined know-how of our industry in order to foster the quality, safety and reliability of our services and products for our airline customers and the passengers.”

The management of the secretariat will be entrusted to Fabio Gamba, who will take up the role of managing director for the association at the beginning of March 2018. He said: “I am very excited about the opportunity to shape this brand new association as its first managing director. The airline caterers bring a wealth of experience and know-how in handling a central and complex part of the commercial aviation business. I see great benefits for all stakeholders in bringing this know-how together to improve regulations and standards in the industry.”

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