

## Travelport Middle East & South Asia marks strong 2017 kick off with broadening of management team

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Travelport (TVPT), a leading Travel Commerce Platform providing technology, distribution, payments, mobile and other digital solutions to the global travel industry has kicked off its 2017 Middle East and South Asia (MESA) operations strongly with the announcement of the broadening of its management team.

Rick Sagar joins Travelport in the role of Commercial Director for India and Sri Lanka. An innovative and seasoned airline and travel industry executive, Rick joins Travelport from Flynas, having spent part of his early career in Travelport UK. Following the announcement that IndiGo signed its first ever GDS agreement with Travelport late last year, Rick's primary focus will be working with Travelport's distributor in India, ITQ, to drive the Travelport business forward for this strategic sub-region.

Kathryn Wallington has been appointed to the role of Country Manager for the United Arab Emirates(UAE). With almost 12 years Travelport experience, Kathryn joins the UAE team from Travelport's UK headquarters in Langley where she most recently headed up business development for Southern Europe and North Africa. She takes over the role from Ghulam Al Balooshi who -having driven the team in achieving great success in the region during his tenure as UAE country manager- will remain on the Travelport MESA management team with a clear focus on Bahrain.

The appointments come following the announcement of Matthew Powell to the role of Managing Director in the Middle East and South Asia late last year. The management team

changes are designed to respond to and maximize the growing opportunities Travelport is working on in the region whilst enabling the commercial team to meet customers' needs; connecting them to a world of travel choice in supporting the growth of their businesses in MESA.

Commenting on the appointments Matthew Powell, Managing Director, Middle East and South Asia said; "These changes will bring a new zeal and focus to our MESA regional team as we work to enable travel providers and their evolving technologies to deliver the widest choice of relevant content to travel providers and travellers in the region. Our 2016 successes and new strategic partnerships are testament to our product leadership and superior customer engagement; this expanded and more focused MESA management team will allow us to drive this success forward in 2017. I welcome Rick Saggar and Kathryn Wallington to the team and look forward to working with them to continue to redefine travel commerce in the Middle East and South Asia."

## About Travelport

Travelport is the technology company which makes the experience of buying and managing travel continually better. It operates a travel commerce platform providing distribution, technology, payment and other solutions for the global travel and tourism industry. The company facilitates travel commerce by connecting the world's leading travel providers with online and offline travel buyers in a proprietary business-to-business (B2B) travel platform.

Travelport has a leading position in airline merchandising, hotel content and distribution, car rental, mobile commerce and B2B payment solutions. The company also provides IT services to airlines, such as shopping, ticketing, departure control and other solutions. With net revenue of over \$2.5 billion in 2018, Travelport is headquartered in Langley, U.K., has over 3,700 employees and is represented in approximately 180 countries and territories.

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