

Travelport broadens management team in Africa

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Travelport (NYSE:TVPT), a leading Travel Commerce Platform has announced the secondment of Guido Verweij from the UK to the role of Regional Managing Director, Africa, based in Johannesburg.

Guido, who has been part of Travelport since 2012 is currently Global Head of Strategy within Agency Commerce and charged with driving the strategic direction and growing the business with Travelport's existing and new agency customers around the world. Prior to Travelport, Guido worked for over 7 years in management consulting and has advised governments, corporations, and private equity firms on policy, strategy, and transactions. Guido is a Dutch national and holds a degree in Medicine from University of Leuven in Belgium, an honours degree in Management and Systems from City University in the UK and an M.B.A. from INSEAD in France and Singapore. Reporting into Rabih Saab, President and Managing Director at Travelport Europe, Middle East, Africa & South Asia, Guido will be taking up his new role from January 2018.

Travelport would also like to announce the appointment of Claudette Thorne as Acting Country Manager of Southern Africa from 1st of December 2017. She replaces Robyn Christie who has decided to leave Travelport at the end of the year to pursue other interests.

As Acting Southern Africa country manager, Claudette will be responsible for managing operations and accelerating growth in this key market. She will be reporting into Guido Verweij, Regional Managing Director, Africa and will be based at Travelport's office in Johannesburg.

Claudette's previous roles include Business Development Director at GDS Technologies in the telecommunications sector.

Shashi Menon, commercial director Central, West and East Africa continues to oversee our operations in that region and will report into Guido.

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 Africa.

Guido Verweij, Regional Managing Director, Africa at Travelport commented: "These are exciting times for us at Travelport Africa - I look forward to leading and supporting our team in Africa and delighted with Claudette Thorne's appointment to Acting Country Manager for Southern Africa. With her strong, exemplary performance, I am confident that Claudette will further cement Travelport's leadership position in the African travel industry.

Commenting on the appointments, Rabih Saab, President and Managing Director at Travelport Europe, Middle East, Africa & South Asia said: "These changes will bring a new zeal and focus to our African teams as we strive to continue to lead with cutting edge technology and customer service to deliver the widest choice of relevant content to travel agencies and consumers in the region. I welcome Guido and Claudette to their new positions and look forward to working with them to continue to redefine travel commerce in Africa."

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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