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ACI World appoints Justin Erbacci as new Director General and CEO

Erbacci will succeed Luis Felipe de Oliveira in September

Montreal, 8 May 2024 – ACI World today announces the appointment of Justin Erbacci as its new Director General and CEO, slated to join the organization in September 2024.

Erbacci brings a wealth of experience to ACI World, having previously served as the Chief Executive Officer of NEOM Airports and of Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA). At LAWA, before assuming the CEO position from 2020 to 2023, he served as Chief Operating Officer, Chief Innovation and Commercial Strategy Officer, and Chief Innovation and Technology Officer, demonstrating his versatility and commitment to innovation within the aviation industry. His career also includes notable roles at Star Alliance, Credit Suisse, United Airlines, Reese McMahon LLC, Cambridge Management Consultants, and Deloitte Touche. With a proven track record of leadership and strategic vision, he is well-equipped to lead ACI World into its next phase of growth and development.



In his new role, Erbacci will be responsible for representing the organization on the global stage, implementing policies formulated by the General Assembly and World Governing Board, and driving membership growth—working closely with ACI Regions and stakeholders to advance the organization's mission.

"It is an honour and a privilege to be selected by fellow airport executives to serve and represent them as Director General and CEO of ACI World," said **Justin Erbacci**. "I am very excited to get started and look forward to working closely with the ACI World team, the ACI Regions, and our members—both airports and World Business Partners—to

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address the challenges and opportunities facing the aviation industry, to further strengthen the role of airports as drivers of economic growth and development and to help transform the travel experience."

ACI World Chair Candace McGraw, also CEO of Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, welcomed the appointment, stating, "Justin brings a unique blend of proven leadership, global aviation experience, and strategic vision to ACI World. After an extensive global search, the Board and I are very pleased to welcome Justin to ACI World in his new role. We are confident that under his guidance, ACI World will continue to successfully serve as the leading advocate for the global airport community."

Erbacci succeeds Luis Felipe de Oliveira, who served from 2020-2024 as Director General and CEO of ACI World. De Oliveira's tenure at ACI World has been marked by significant strides in enhancing global airport standards and fostering collaboration within the aviation community. Under his leadership, ACI World has prioritized key sustainability initiatives and milestones, advocated for regulatory frameworks that support airport development, and facilitated knowledge sharing among member airports.

ACI World Director General and CEO Luis Felipe de Oliveira said "After four challenging yet fruitful years at ACI, I am delighted to pass the baton to our new Director General and CEO to continue the improvement and leadership of this fantastic organization. I am confident in Justin's ability to lead ACI World to great heights. His international experience and knowledge of the entire aviation sector will definitely help ACI continue to champion the global airport community, while fostering innovation and collaboration to shape the future of the sector. I will personally engage in the transition to ensure Justin's seamless integration in Montreal and assist him in navigating our complex yet dynamic ecosystem that transcends borders, propelling our collective journey towards a brighter future in the skies."

About ACI

Airports Council International (ACI), the trade association of the world's airports, is a federated organization comprising ACI World, ACI Africa, ACI Asia-Pacific and the Middle East, ACI EUROPE, ACI Latin America and the Caribbean and ACI North America. In representing the best interests of airports during key phases of policy development, ACI makes a significant contribution toward ensuring a global air transport system that is safe, secure, efficient, and environmentally sustainable. As of January 2024, ACI serves 757 members, operating 2109 airports in 191 countries.

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1. Learn more about ACI World.

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