
En Route names Robert Dalboth managing director

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Robert Dalboth has been appointed global managing director of [En Route International](#), the [dnata](#)-owned travel food solutions company announced in a February 15 press release. Dalboth replaces founder Alison Lessmann, who stepped down as the company's managing director late last year. Lessmann held the role since the company was founded in 2002.

Dalboth, a chartered accountant, has been a member of the En Route leadership team since 2010 in the position of finance director. The company states that in his new role Dalboth will "drive the continued development of the company's market-leading onboard food and service solutions across four continents."

Dalboth's past experience in the finance sector spanned multiple industries, including time spent as divisional vice president of finance at Global Tobacco Packaging as well as senior roles at Alcan Packaging and East European Tobacco.

"I am delighted to be leading En Route during what will be an incredibly exciting time for the business," Dalboth said in a statement. "We have always embraced innovation in everything we do and have an incredibly talented team, which will ensure that we continue to remain at the forefront of developments in our sector. We are already looking at a number of unique initiatives which we will share with the industry very soon."

Robin Padgett, divisional senior vice president of dnata, also commented on the experience Dalboth will lend to the position: "Robert brings an extremely strong understanding of retailing, a passion for product design and development and, importantly, an awareness of the changing nature of retailing in aviation."

Inflight retail is a key proposition for dnata and En Route, and to have someone of Robert's caliber now leading our business is a huge positive for our customers and our business."

Dalboth added: "We are all incredibly grateful to Alison for creating a business which placed innovation at the very core of its offer. Not only did she create a business which constantly challenged the status quo, she also helped to create a strong senior management team which is well placed to grow the business even further over the coming years."