

Air Astana to appoint Ibrahim Canliel as CEO



Ibrahim Canliel, incoming CEO for Air Astana

The Board of Directors of [Air Astana](#) JSC has announced that Peter Foster will retire from the position of Chief Executive Officer and from the Board of Directors of Air Astana JSC at the end of March 2026. Foster will remain connected to the Group in the role of Senior Advisor to the Board of Directors.

Ibrahim Canliel, Chief Financial Officer, is to be appointed Chief Executive Officer at that time.

Nurlan Zhakupov, The Chairman of the Board of Directors, said, “The Board of Directors would like to thank Peter Foster for his outstanding achievement in guiding the company for 20 years, from its post start-up phase to its position today as Kazakhstan and Central Asia’s leading airline, and a respected airline brand throughout the global aviation industry.

The Board would like to welcome Ibrahim Canliel to the position of Chief Executive Officer. Mr Canliel has worked for the Air Astana Group since 2003, initially in senior commercial roles and subsequently as Chief Financial Officer, a post he has held since 2017. His contribution has been immense, and he brings with him great experience of both the Group and of the airline industry. The Board has the fullest confidence that he will guide the company to continued growth and success.”