
dnata adds CEOs for three regions

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Today, dnata announced a company structure that includes three newly created Regional Chief Executive Officer (CEO) roles.

Regional CEOs assume responsibility for dnata's ground handling and cargo operations in multiple countries, managing a total workforce of 23,000 employees.

- **Ross Marino**, a member of the dnata team since 2005, has been appointed Regional CEO, UK and Europe. In his new role, Marino will oversee dnata's operations at 13 airports in Belgium, Italy, Switzerland, The Netherlands and the United Kingdom.
- **Dirk Goovaerts**, who has joined dnata in 2019 as Regional CEO, Asia Pacific, is responsible for managing dnata's businesses at 10 airports in Australia, the Philippines and Singapore.
- **Janis Balkens**, who was promoted to Regional CEO, New and Emerging Markets in 2018, will continue to lead the company's operations at 35 airports in Brazil, Canada, Pakistan and Iraq.

dnata's handling operations in the United States, which covers 28 airports across the country, will continue to be overseen by David Barker, CEO of dnata USA

"Our new regional structure allows us to get closer to our business and customers, operating with consistent standards and systems," said Stewart Angus, Divisional Senior Vice President, International Airport Operations, dnata. "It helps us leverage synergies across the regions and above all, ensure we constantly provide the best possible services to our customers at every airport."

dnata has significantly increased its global footprint through acquisitions, partnerships, as well as organic growth over the past years. Since 2015, the company has added five countries to its global network and expanded its staff with 10,000 aviation professionals.