

Virgin Atlantic appoints Richard McCord as Chief Financial Officer



Richard McCord, incoming Chief Financial Officer, Virgin Atlantic

[Virgin Atlantic](#) has announced the appointment of Richard McCord as Chief Financial Officer (CFO). McCord will join the company and its Executive Leadership Team from October 5.

McCord will lead the finance team as the airline strengthens its financial foundations to deliver profitable growth, continues to invest in its premium customer experience, and evolves its future strategy. As CFO, he will have overall accountability for Finance, Treasury, Procurement and Fleet, Insurance and Internal Audit, while he will become a member of the Virgin Atlantic Board.

McCord brings extensive CFO and senior finance experience spanning airports, infrastructure and energy businesses. He joins Virgin Atlantic from London Luton Airport ([LTN](#)), where he has served as CFO since 2021, helping to stabilize its financial position through the COVID-19 crisis, strengthen its strategic and commercial capability, grow profitability and lead negotiations to deliver long-term capacity growth of the airport.

Prior to LTN, McCord spent more than a decade at Centrica plc, the FTSE 100 energy and services company, including as CFO of Centrica's Business Division. He spent his early career at PwC, where he was a Director in the Transaction Services business.

Corneel Koster, CEO, Virgin Atlantic, said, "A very warm welcome to Richard, who will bring a breadth of CFO and leadership experience to Virgin Atlantic. He will make a brilliant addition to our Leadership Team and Board, as we stay focused on investing for our customers, while delivering solid financial returns and value to our stakeholders in the years ahead."

Koster added, "I would also like to say a huge thank you from all of us at Virgin Atlantic, and on behalf of our Board, to Ansar Hussain, who has fulfilled the role of Interim CFO since January 1. Ansar is a

great leader, who has very skillfully and professionally led us through a highly turbulent period in international aviation, while strengthening our resilience and improving our financial returns throughout. Following this highly successful interim period, we are happy to announce that we are promoting Ansar to Senior Vice President in the Finance function."

Richard McCord, incoming CFO, Virgin Atlantic, said, "I am excited to be joining a renowned airline and special brand like Virgin Atlantic. I look forward to working with Corneel and the team to drive profitable growth, while retaining what makes Virgin Atlantic special, as we seek to be the most loved travel company."