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New Board Appointed at Leaseurope along with Chair and two Vice-Chairs

Brussels, 9 October 2014 - Leaseurope, the trade body representing the leasing and automotive rental industries in Europe has appointed its new Board of Directors for a two-year term running until October 2016.

The following twelve senior practitioners have been appointed as members of the Board:

- George Ashworth, Managing Director, ABN AMRO Leasing UK
- José Coronel de Palma, Managing Director, Caterpillar Financial Renting
- Neil Cunningham, General Manager, Hertz UK & Europe Off Airport
- Vahid Daemi, CEO, LeasePlan Corporation
- Marie-Christine Ducholet, CEO, Societe Generale Equipment Finance
- Enrico Duranti, CEO, Iccrea Bancalmpresa
- Arkadiusz Etryk, CEO, Idea Leasing
- Morten Guldhaug, Executive Vice President, DNB
- Jan Kusters, Member of the Executive Board, De Lage Landen International
- Hugues Rougier, CEO, Fraikin Group
- Alexander Schmidecker, CEO, Raiffeisen Leasing
- Dr Martin Starck, Chairman of the Management Board, LBBW Leasing

Enrico Duranti, Vahid Daemi and Martin Starck have been elected as Chair and Vice-Chairs, respectively, of the Federation.

On this occasion, outgoing Chair Jukka Salonen, COO, Nordea Group Simplification, commented: "It has been a privilege to work with the Board of Directors, Leaseurope's Member Associations and the Secretariat staff in Brussels and I would like to thank everybody for their continuous support. Thanks to everyone's commitment, we were able to actively represent the interests of the industry across a wide range of policy issues at European and international level and we were able to achieve many successes."

"Following our road map, we strengthened our role as the primary source of data, analysis and research on and for the industry at European level. Beyond our advocacy and research work, we have also continued to act as the leading platform for the European industry, thanks amongst others to Leaseurope's Business Councils and workshops, all serving as fora for senior-level industry practitioners and those working to represent the industry to come together. It is with great pleasure and confidence that I hand over the Chairmanship to Enrico Duranti, CEO, Iccrea Bancalmpresa."

Incoming Chair Enrico Duranti added "It is an honour to take over as Chair and on behalf of the Federation I would like to thank Jukka for having contributed to bringing Leaseurope to the next level. It will be a tough act to follow but it is my ambition to continue to promote our industry on all fronts, highlight its contribution to sustainable economic growth in Europe and position leasing and automotive rental companies as solution providers, whether in the field of mobility or otherwise.

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Note to the editor

The new Leaseurope Board will hold its first meeting at its Brussels headquarters “*The European House of Leasing*” on 4 December 2014.

About Enrico Duranti

Enrico Duranti is currently CEO of Iccrea Bancalmpresa, the corporate bank belonging to the Italian Credit Cooperative Banks owned by Iccreq Holding. Before joining Iccrea Banking Group in 2001, Enrico held various positions in corporate and specialised finance in San Paolo Bank, McKinsey and Mediocredito Centrale Group. Enrico is also currently a member of the Board of Assilea, Assietta Private Equity SGR and Car Server Spa.

About Leaseurope

As a Federation, Leaseurope brings together 44 associations throughout Europe representing either the leasing, long term and/or short term automotive rental industries. The scope of products covered by Leaseurope's Members ranges from hire purchase and finance leases to operating leases of all asset types (automotive, equipment and real estate) and also includes the rental of cars, vans and trucks. It is estimated that Leaseurope represents approximately 92% of the European leasing market.

Leaseurope's mission is to effectively represent the European industry with a united voice vis-à-vis European and international policymakers, be the catalyst for European-level research in the field of leasing and automotive rental and provide leasing companies in Europe with the platforms they need to meet their peers from other countries. In particular, thanks to Leaseurope's **Research Programme**, Leaseurope ensures that the leasing industry is provided with up-to-date and comprehensive market data, research studies and publications on the trends and developments of the leasing and automotive rental industry. More information on the Leaseurope Research Programme [here](#).