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Leaseurope Announces the Appointment of New Director General

Brussels, 15 December 2015 – Leaseurope, the trade association representing the European leasing and automotive rental industries, in Europe, is proud to announce that the Board of Directors has unanimously appointed Leon Dhaene as Director General effective 1 December 2015. L. Dhaene succeeds Tanguy van de Werve who has left Leaseurope to join AFME, the Association for Financial Markets in Europe, to head their Brussels Advocacy Office.

"I take great satisfaction in knowing that Leaseurope is in the hands of such a talented executive. Leon's expertise and vision will contribute significantly to Leaseurope continuing to provide leading edge, quality services to our memberships and to represent our industry at European and international level," said Enrico Duranti, Leaseurope's Chair. "Leon is a vital addition to the team as we navigate through an evolving and expanding regulatory and supervisory environment."

"I am very excited to join Leaseurope. The Federation has served this industry for a long time and I see a lot of potential going forward. We have a great team supported by an impressive number of Member Associations across Europe and a strong Board of Directors and I look forward to being part of that success in the years to come," said Leon upon his appointment.

Leon, of Belgian nationality, has over 25 years of financial services experience, including leadership roles in large companies, such as IBM and Mastercard International. Subsequently, Leon founded several new companies, delivering strategic consulting (Network of Alliances, Outsourcing and Mergers Experts – NAOME), consulting services (Chairman of N2FINANCE), legal services and innovation solutions (like new fraud detection and management systems) to the payments industry. Leon has been appointed Board Member of or Advisory to several Board of Directors since 1985. Leon has been advising regulators and multiple Associations at European level in the past and is currently sitting as independent expert on the Payment Systems Market Expert Group of the European Commission Directorate General Internal Market and Services.

Leon will also be the Director General of sister Federation Eurofinas representing specialised consumer credit providers at European level with whom Leaseurope has a special partnership relationship.

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NOTES FOR THE EDITORS

About Leaseurope

As a Federation, Leaseurope brings together 46 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 91% of the European leasing market. More on Leaseurope at www.leaseurope.org

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. Find out more [here](#).

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