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#### A New Board of Directors at Leaseurope

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**Brussels, 3 December 2020** - 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 2022. The Board met today for the first time via video-conference.

The following twelve senior practitioners are members of the Board:

- Tim Albertsen, Group CEO, ALD Automotive
- Marcin Balicki, President of the Management Board, Millennium Leasing / Banco Commercial Português Group
- Patrick Beselaere, Global Head, ING Lease - Europe
- José Coronel de Palma y Martínez-Agulló, President & Managing Director, Caterpillar Financial
- Christine Delamarre, CEO, Auxifip & Unifergie, Credit Agricole Leasing & Factoring
- Peter Hupfeld, CEO, Nordea Finance
- Massimo Macciocchi, Business Leader for Leasing, Banca Ifis
- Philippe Mellier, CEO, Fraikin Group
- John Phillipou, Managing Director, SME Lending, Paragon Bank
- Khaled Shahbo, Senior Vice President, MD UK & Ireland, Enterprise Rent-A-Car
- Alexander Schmidecker, CEO, Raiffeisen Leasing
- Hubert Spechtenhauser, Member of the Management Board, UniCredit Leasing Germany

Patrick Beselaere, Alexander Schmidecker and Khaled Shahbo have been elected as Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Federation, respectively.

This first meeting was an opportunity for Chair, Patrick Beselaere, to stress that “This has been an unprecedented year for everyone, upending life as we knew it and ushering in change of a magnitude not seen before in our lifetimes. At Leaseurope, this has meant adapting to teleworking and a rapidly evolving regulatory environment, while ensuring that our core priorities are still covered. Our focus for 2020 was on overhauling and modernising our communication and we did not let Covid-19 slow us down in this area, launching a new website and a modernised newsletter. On the advocacy front, we significantly elevated our engagement with European regulators at the highest level, including ensuring our industry is included in support mechanisms to alleviate the impact of Covid-19. This was no easy feat, and I am grateful to my colleagues on the Board, the Secretariat, the Secretaries General and our member associations for their dedication and hard work. Moving into 2021 the future is still not clear, however, I am confident that the Federation is stronger than ever before and in a position to rise to new heights going forward.”

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## **Note to the editor**

### **About Patrick Beselaere**

Patrick Beselaere has been on the Leaseurope Board since 2016 and has held the Chair position since October 2019. He started his career in the leasing industry in 1989, with experiences in sales and marketing, operations and risk. Since 2012, he has been the Global Head of Leasing within ING Group, managing financial leasing solutions within the distribution network of ING bank, and among vendors and brokers for professional clients in 9 European countries. Patrick was also President of the Belgian Association of Leasing (ABL/BLV) for many years and has published several books on leasing, including the reference book Handboek Leasing (Die Keure, 2007).

### **About Leaseurope**

As a Federation, Leaseurope brings together 45 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.