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## **UFI, the Global Association of the Exhibition Industry, takes steps to ensure management continuity**

*Paris, June 24, 2009* - John Shaw, President of UFI, the Global Association of the Exhibition Industry, announced today that Vincent Gérard, UFI Managing Director since 2001, will leave his position on 31 July 2010. Shaw announced that the UFI Board of Directors has approved the selection of Paul Woodward, currently UFI's Asia/Pacific Regional Director, as Vincent Gérard's successor, effective August 1, 2010.

Woodward will be based in the UFI Headquarters office in Paris where he will ensure the continuity of UFI's programmes and policies. He will be responsible for the management of UFI's teams in Paris (Headquarters), Abu Dhabi – UAE (Middle East/Africa), and Hong Kong (Asia/Pacific) where BSG will continue to provide UFI services to the association's members in the region.

UFI, the Global Association of the Exhibition Industry, promotes, serves and represents the trade fair industry worldwide. Via its member organisations, including the world's leading show organisers and fairground operators, national and international professional associations and industry partners, UFI is present in 82 countries on 6 continents. UFI members are responsible for the management and operation of over 4,500 exhibitions and 181 exhibition centres around the world.

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