

## UFI elects its new Board of Directors for 2023-2026

**Paris – 26 October 2023:** UFI is pleased to announce the results of the elections for the new UFI Board of Directors for the 2023 – 2026 term.

The UFI Board of Directors is comprised of a maximum of 60 members, and elections for new Board members take place every three years. During this process, UFI members elect a truly global body with representatives from UFI chapters around the world.

The Board of Directors is tasked with implementing decisions outlined in the annual General Assembly meeting, developing UFI policy, and preparing all proposals related to matters that impact international trade fairs. After thorough preparation, these proposals are submitted for vote to UFI members at the General Assembly.

The new mandates will commence after the General Assembly meeting takes place on 1 November 2023 at the UFI Global Congress in Las Vegas.

The members of the 2023-2026 UFI Board of Directors are (in alphabetical order):

- **Khalifa AL QUBAISI**, ADNEC, United Arab Emirates
- **Said Salim AL SHANFARI**, Oman Convention & Exhibition Centre, Oman
- **Damion ANGUS**, Montgomery Group, UK
- **Juan ARRIZABALAGA**, IFEMA, Spain
- **David BOON**, Brussels Expo, Belgium
- **Gerald BÖSE**, Kölnmesse, Germany
- **Federico BRICOLO**, Veronafiore, Italy
- **Panittha BURI**, BITEC (Bhiraj Buri Group), Thailand
- **John BURKE**, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Malaysia
- **Synthia CHAN**, Macau Fair & Trade Association, Macau
- **Diane CHEN**, Shenyang New World Expo, China
- **Elaine CHIA**, Comexposium, France
- **Sophia CHONG**, Hong Kong Trade Development Council, Hong Kong
- **Wee Phong CHUA**, Constellar Holdings, Singapore
- **Rodolfo DEL VALLE**, Panama Convention Center, Panama
- **Geoff DICKINSON**, dmg events, United Arab Emirates
- **Wolfram DIENER**, Messe Düsseldorf, Germany
- **Michael DUCK**, Informa Markets, China
- **Mahmut ER**, IPEKYOLU International Exhibitions, Türkiye
- **Gábor GANCZER**, GL Events, France
- **Lisa HANNANT**, Clarion Events, UK
- **David HARRISON**, IMEX Group, UK
- **Jörn HOLTMEIER**, AUMA, Germany
- **Roman IMGRÜTH**, MCH Group, Switzerland
- **Liz IRVING**, Clarion Events North America, USA
- **Hugh JONES**, RX, UK
- **Mahir JULFAR**, Dubai World Trade Centre, United Arab Emirates
- **Carin KINDBOM**, Swedish Exhibition & Congress Centre, Sweden
- **Tomasz KOBIERSKI**, Grupa MTP, Poland
- **Jochen KÖCKLER**, Deutsche Messe, Germany

- **Deborah Shirley KRISTIANSEN**, Exhibition World Bahrain, Kingdom of Bahrain
- **Karin KROGH**, Bella Center Copenhagen, Denmark
- **Michael KRUPPE**, SNIEC, China
- **Dong Ki LEE**, COEX, South Korea
- **Jae Yul LEE**, KINTEX, South Korea
- **Monica LEE-MÜLLER**, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong
- **Joon How LOY**, IMPACT, Thailand
- **Daben MAO**, Shenzhen World, China
- **Wolfgang MARZIN**, Messe Frankfurt, Germany
- **Peter OTTMANN**, NürnbergMesse, Germany
- **Pamela PASCUAL**, World Trade Center Metro Manila, Philippines
- **Enrico PAZZALI**, Fondazione Fiera Milano, Italy
- **Matt PEARCE**, Talk2 Media & Events, Australia
- **Corrado PERABONI**, Italian Exhibition Group, Italy
- **Kyriakos POZRIKIDIS**, TIF-HELEXPO, Greece
- **Sonia PRASHAR**, NürnbergMesse India, India
- **Laura PURDY**, Exhibition Place Toronto, Canada
- **Maria João ROCHA DE MATOS**, FIL - Lisbon Exhibition & Convention Centre, Portugal
- **Stefan RUMMEL**, Messe München, Germany
- **Gary SHAPIRO**, Consumer Technology Association, USA
- **Shirly SONG**, Chongqing International Expo Center, China
- **Alan STEEL**, Javits Center, USA
- **Raul STRAUSS JUSTINIANO**, FEXPOCRUZ, Bolivia
- **Vincent U**, Macao Trade & Investment Promotion Institute, Macau
- **Rob VAN DE WIEL**, MECC Maastricht, The Netherlands
- **Maurits VAN DER SLUIS**, RAI Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- **Guoping WANG**, Shanghai Huapin Exhibition Co., China
- **Simon WANG**, TAITRA, Taiwan
- **Víctor Hugo ZAPATA MADRIGAL**, Plaza Mayor Medellín, Colombia
- **Ricard ZAPATERO**, Fira de Barcelona, Spain

“I excitedly welcome all the newly elected Board members and congratulate all the returning Board members. UFI’s members have selected an excellent group of industry leaders from all around the world”, comments **Michael Duck**, UFI President and Executive VP Commercial Development, Informa Markets. “At the same time, a big, heartfelt thank you to those who are leaving the UFI Board, some after many years of service. UFI really is fortunate to have such an active, engagement membership.”

***About UFI – The Global Association of the Exhibition Industry:** UFI is the global trade association of the world’s tradeshow organisers and exhibition centre operators, as well as the major national and international exhibition associations, and selected partners of the exhibition industry. UFI’s main goal is to represent, promote and support the business interests of its members and the exhibition industry. UFI directly represents more than 50,000 exhibition industry employees globally, and also works closely with its 60 national and regional association members. More than 820 member organisations in 85+ countries around the world are presently signed up as members. Over 900 international trade fairs proudly bear the UFI approved label, a quality guarantee for visitors and exhibitors alike. UFI members continue to provide the international business community with a unique marketing media aimed at developing outstanding face-to-face business opportunities.*

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