

news release

Carlson Wagonlit Travel Appoints Jim Tweedie as Executive Vice President Account Management for Europe, Middle East and Africa

Paris, London – July 6, 2005 – Carlson Wagonlit Travel, a world leader in business travel management, has announced the appointment of Jim Tweedie, currently Executive Vice President North Europe, to the new position of Executive Vice President Account Management, Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA).

Jim Tweedie's position, which he took up July 1, reflects CWT's development strategy and its determination to further develop its relationships with its multi-national clients, helping them optimize their travel program on an increasingly global basis. He now reports to Martin Warner in his position as Executive Vice President Global Accounts and Solutions and has a dotted line relationship with Richard Lovell, Chief Operating Officer EMEA for CWT.

Commenting on Jim Tweedie's appointment, Martin Warner, Executive Vice President Global Accounts and Solutions said: "Jim was heavily involved in the original development of the Account Management concept within CWT and made a significant contribution to the set up of the account management training scheme. We are delighted that he will be bringing his combination of knowledge and authority to this new position. This development also highlights the importance the company places on the role of Account Management, at both the global and local level. It is the conduit that CWT's clients use to further progress the optimization of their travel management."

Jim Tweedie said: "I am looking forward to the challenge of my new role within CWT. Account Management lies at the heart of our business which is, by definition, focused on delivering a high level of service to our clients and providing them with great value. It is this combination that really matters in the highly professional and sophisticated world that business travel has become."

Until a successor is appointed, Richard Lovell, COO of EMEA will directly oversee the Northern Europe zone.

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About Carlson Wagonlit Travel

Carlson Wagonlit Travel is a world leader in business travel management partnering with large corporations, small- and medium-sized companies, and government institutions. CWT designs and implements superior travel management programs for clients based upon its recognized consulting expertise, strong purchasing power, technological prowess, and consistent delivery of high-quality service. CWT has operations in more than 140 countries and services 60 of the 100 world's largest companies. Annual sales of \$19 USD billion are generated under the Carlson Wagonlit Travel brand. The company is co-owned by Paris-based Accor group and Minneapolis-based Carlson Companies.

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About Carlson Wagonlit Travel in the UK

CWT, is not only a major global business, it is also one of the top Business Travel Management Companies (TMCs) in the UK. The company has around 1,300 clients, with a combined average travel spend in excess of £840 million. The company serves all major industry sectors, including banking, finance, media, manufacturing and energy. CWT offers a range of services to companies and organizations of all sizes, from the small to medium size business sector (SMEs) to major global corporations with national or multi-national travel programmes. The company was the first major business travel management company in the UK to launch a branded product specifically for the SME market – its award-winning Corporate Select – for customers with a spend of up to £500,000. CWT is the largest travel supplier to the UK Government, with more than 35 core travel contracts with an annual expenditure of around £100 million through its Government Travel Group GTG – developed exclusively by CWT to assist the UK Government to maximize its savings potential on its travel spend. [For further information view www.carlsonwagonlit.com/uk](http://www.carlsonwagonlit.com/uk)

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