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## **Ray Gammell appointed interim Etihad CEO**

Etihad Airways has confirmed that James Hogan, current president and group CEO, will leave the company on 1 July 2017. The company has appointed Ray Gammell as interim group CEO.



Ray Gammell

Consistent with the company's leadership transition plan, Gammell has already assumed full management responsibilities. He is Etihad Aviation Group's current chief people and performance officer and has been a member of the executive leadership since joining the business in 2009, where he has led the creation of a performance culture across the group.

A parallel handover will occur as Ricky Thirion assumes full responsibilities of the Group CFO, James Rigney, who will also leave the company on 1 July 2017. Thirion joined Etihad Airways in 2007 and is the current SVP group treasurer.



**Ricky** Thirion

## "Complete confidence of the board"

H.E. Mohamed Mubarak Fadhel Al Mazrouei, chairman of the board of the Etihad Aviation Group, commented: "Ray and Ricky are experienced leaders and have the complete confidence of the board. Ray will now take full management

responsibility for the Etihad Aviation Group, ensure a coordinated group approach, and continue to advance the strategic review that was initiated by the board in 2016 to reposition the business for continued development in what we anticipate being a prolonged period of challenges for global aviation."

"We have strengthened our group leadership with recent appointments and are now in the advanced stages of recruitment for a new group CEO. The board has been very pleased with the calibre of candidates, and we expect to make an announcement in the next few weeks."

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