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# Thomas Cook Group Plc

## Director appointment

Thomas Cook Group plc announces that Emre Berkin will join the Board as an Independent Non-Executive Director with effect from 1 November 2012.

Emre, a Turkish national, held a number of senior positions at Microsoft between 1993 and 2006, latterly as Chairman, Middle East & Africa and Vice-President, Europe, Middle East & Africa, where he led all aspects of Microsoft business in 79 countries including emerging markets. Since 2006 he has acted as a non-executive director to a number of companies, including Pegasus Airlines, Turkey's leading low cost carrier, and a broad range of technology companies including Alcatel Lucent Teletas Telekomunikasyon, which is listed on the Istanbul Stock Exchange.

**Frank Meysman, Chairman said:**

"Emre brings a wealth of skills and experience from the technological sector and international markets. In addition, he has experience of air travel and, being based in Turkey, vital knowledge of one of the key destinations for millions of our customers. I am very pleased that he has agreed to join the Board."

**Emre Berkin said:**

"I am delighted to be joining the Board of a company with such a world class brand and at a time of transformation when it is moving more towards the use of technology to enhance the customer experience."

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