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## ETTSA welcomes lastminute.com group as a new member

**Brussels, 18 October 2016** – The European Technology and Travel Services Association (ETTSA), the voice of the travel technology sector, has announced that <u>lastminute.com group</u> will join the association as a new member.

"We are pleased to welcome <u>lastminute.com</u> group to the association, particularly as the sector today faces a number of challenges to competition, transparency and consumer choice in travel distribution," said Christoph Klenner, Secretary General of ETTSA. "Together, we are better placed to address these challenges and help create a favourable regulatory environment which will ultimately benefit European travellers," he added.

"We are thrilled to announce that lastminute.com group is joining as a full member of ETTSA, a wellrespected stakeholder of European institutions," said Fabio Cannavale, CEO of lastminute.com group. "We aim to be an inspiring travel company and we want that our customers keep booking their travel in a fair, competitive and transparent environment. We believe being part of the ETTSA network will help us achieve our company goals and support the development of a vibrant travel and tourism sector in Europe," he added.

Carlo Pessot will sit on ETTSA's Board for lastminute.com group and work closely on issues relating to air distribution.

ETTSA represents the travel technology sector at European level before regulators, other industry stakeholders, consumer groups and the media. The association advocates for fair market access and competition, transparency and room for innovation in travel distribution.

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## About ETTSA

The European Technology and Travel Services Association (ETTSA) was launched in 2009 to represent and promote the interests of global distribution systems (GDSs) and travel distributors, towards the industry, policy-makers, opinion formers, consumer groups and all other relevant European stakeholders. The association, based in Brussels, encourages and supports full transparency, fair competition and consumer choice in the travel distribution chain. ETTSA's members include Amadeus, ebookers, Expedia, Odigeo (and its brands eDreams, GoVoyages, Opodo and Travelink), Sabre, Travelport. Associate members include, SkyScanner and TripAdvisor. Hitrail and OAG are Supporting Partners of ETTSA.

## About lastminute.com group

lastminute.com group is among the worldwide leaders in the online travel industry and operates a portfolio of well-known brands such as lastminute.com, Bravofly, Rumbo, Volagratis and Jetcost. Every year, more than 10 million travellers book and manage their travel and leisure experiences through the Group's websites and mobile apps in 17 languages and across 40 countries. The mission of lastminute.com group is to be an inspiring travel company enriching the lives of travellers through smart technology and cutting-edge content. <u>lastminute.com NV</u> is a publicly traded company listed under the ticker symbol LMN on SIX Swiss Exchange.