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Media Release

Changes at the Driving Seat of the Malta Employers' Association

The Malta Employers' Association (MEA) is delighted to announce a leadership change in its secretariat. Joseph Farrugia will be succeeded by Kevin J. Borg as the new Director General.

Joe Farrugia - a stalwart in terms of social dialogue - led the MEA for over two decades. He guided the Association and its members through several challenges and milestones including Malta's accession to the EU and the adoption of the euro; the Social Pact; the National Minimum Wage Agreement; and the extraordinary circumstances brought about by the recent pandemic for which he was involved in negotiations on the wage subsidy scheme. Mr Farrugia shall continue to serve the MEA in the role of Consultant, mainly dealing with Employment and Industrial Relations matters and the Industrial Tribunal. He wished his successor well and commented *"I have been privileged to have been part of MEA's development and growth over the past twenty-three years, and to have been supported by a dedicated secretariat and council. I also thank all MEA members for their trust and support during my tenure as Director General of the Association. I believe that this is a good stage for me to step down, in the certainty that the Association will continue on its mission to be a voice for employers, with its focus on employment and social dialogue. I have full confidence that my successor, Kevin, will build upon MEA's sixty years of history, and usher the Association towards new heights in the years to come."*

Kevin J Borg steps into the role with considerable experience having occupied the role of Director General at the Malta Chamber of Commerce until 2020 where he has already vast knowledge of the social dialogue process. Over the past three years, besides, serving the Association as a Consultant, Kevin acted as Non-Executive Director of Bank of Valletta plc and as CEO of the Malta Maritime Forum.

The new MEA DG remarked *"I am excited by this new challenge and honoured to have been selected by the members and Council of the MEA to follow in the footsteps of such an influential figure as Mr Farrugia's. I have been fortunate to work with Joe both from far and near for the best part of 2 decades and it is reassuring to know he is still on our team to continue to share with us his unrivalled wisdom and experience in our field of business. It is equally encouraging to know I can also rely on the dedication of the rest of our team with bags of energy and commitment."*

Commenting on the changes within the MEA's management team, President Joanne Bondin said *"The MEA is poised for continued success under Kevin's leadership. Joe's legacy of strong leadership and dedication has set a high standard, and we are confident that Kevin will build on this foundation. We look forward to the innovative ideas and fresh perspective he will bring to our association. With Kevin's strategic vision and the support of Joe and the entire team, the MEA is well-positioned to address the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, ensuring our members thrive in an ever-evolving business landscape."*

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