

Youtravel Group appoints Jacky Bedlow as new CEO

In Jacky Bedlow, Youtravel has chosen a CEO with extensive know-how in the tourism sector and many years of experience with renowned companies. youtravel.com's founder and former CEO, Ioannis John Kent, to become Chairman of the Board.

Munich/ London, 1 July, 2013 – The accommodation-only-supplier youtravel.com Ltd., with offices in London and Athens, has appointed Jacky Bedlow as the company's new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) with effect from 1 July, 2013. Bedlow, who has a diploma in European Studies with Spanish from South Bank University in London, brings longstanding experience in highly skilled management positions, as well as in tour operating and in online markets. "Jacky has a strong reputation in her fields. Having in-depth knowledge as an expert, she will play a key role in entering new markets, as well as developing and implementing initiatives, strategies and processes to strengthen Youtravel's market position", says Anne Rösener, Chief Officer Business Development and responsible for youtravel.com within the FTI GROUP. Jacky Bedlow succeeds Youtravel's founder Ioannis John Kent, who will in future take over the position of Chairman of the Board. In addition to that, he will take over responsibilities in other strategically important areas within the FTI GROUP. "We would like to thank John for his outstanding work and personal commitment as CEO and we are pleased that he will continue to contribute his experience to youtravel.com and to the FTI GROUP", Anne Rösener added.

Before joining youtravel.com Ltd., Jacky Bedlow was Deputy to the CEO of Hotels4u.com/medhotels.com, a London based subsidiary of the Thomas Cook PLC, during the last seven years. In this position, Bedlow played a vital part in generating strong growth, high customer satisfaction and profitability. She has also held several other senior positions, among these at the leading online travel platform Lastminute.com.

During the last year, youtravel.com has undergone significant developments with a strong focus on the B2B business. "We have established a wide range of quality products at the right price, as well as strong and excellent relationships with our distribution partners", Anne Rösener commented. "The results confirm this strategy as we have achieved a high revenue growth. Furthermore we have doubled the number of hotels from 4,000 to more than 8,000."

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Note for editorial offices: Please find attached pictures of Youtravel's new CEO Jacky Bedlow, Chairman of the Board Ioannis John Kent and Anne Roesener, Chief Officer Business Development FTI GROUP.

About Youtravel

In April 2012 the FTI GROUP acquired a majority stake in youtravel.com. The London based company was launched in 2006 by Ioannis John Kent, an entrepreneurial pioneer in the online and dynamic packaging sector, who is also Chairman of the hotel group Aquis Hotels & Resorts with eleven hotels based in Greece. Youtravel is one of the key players in the accommodation-only sector and has operations in UK, Germany, Greece, Italy, Sweden, Ireland, Norway and France. Via the online portal www.youhotels.com travel agencies gain access to more than 8,000 hotels worldwide.

About the FTI GROUP

The FTI GROUP with its brands is one of the fourth largest travel companies in Germany. FTI Touristik, as well as the last minute operator 5vorFlug, the rental car broker driveFTI, the online portal www.fly.de, the largest German language tour operator LAL Sprachreisen, the Destination Management Company Meeting Point International and the operator for promotional products BigXtra belong to the FTI GROUP. The consolidator FTI Ticketshop is responsible for scheduled flight ticket sales and FTI Cruises bundles the cruise business with the flagship FTI BERLIN. The FTI GROUP has consolidated its franchise systems in its subsidiary Touristik Vertriebsgesellschaft mbH (TVG). Other important distribution channels are the travel shopping channel sonnenklar.TV and the British accommodation-only-supplier youtravel.com. A new member of the FTI GROUP is the French tour operator FTI Voyages. The service center erf24 and travianet handle bookings from the FTI GROUP and external customers. Throughout Germany about 10,000 travel agencies sell FTI products. Headquartered in Munich, the FTI GROUP employs about 3,500 staff worldwide and achieved sales volumes of 1.8 billion euros in the fiscal year 2011/12.

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