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**Plaza Premium Group Announces the Appointment of David Thompson as
Regional Director for Latin America**



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Regional Director
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Hong Kong, 3 September 2025 - Plaza Premium Group (PPG) is pleased to announce the appointment of David Thompson as Regional Director for Latin America. This strategic leadership appointment underscores PPG's commitment to expanding its footprint and delivering exceptional airport hospitality, and sustained growth throughout the Latin American region.

"We are delighted to welcome David Thompson to Plaza Premium Group," said Pascal Belanger, Senior Vice President, Americas, Plaza Premium Group. "David's deep industry expertise and proven success in managing complex airport ecosystems make him an excellent addition to our leadership team as we continue to accelerate our growth and elevate airport hospitality standards across Latin America."

David brings over 30 years of extensive international experience in commercial leadership, business development, and airport management across multiple global regions. Prior to joining PPG, he has held senior roles overseeing commercial activities across eight airports in Brazil, driving revenue growth, route development and commercial partnerships. His deep understanding of airport ecosystems, strategic planning, and stakeholder engagement equips him to lead PPG's operations and expansion in Brazil and across Latin America.

In his new role, David will oversee Plaza Premium Group's portfolio of airport hospitality services in the region, managing lounge operations, meet-and-assist services, and food & beverage outlets. He will lead regional strategies, drive sustainable revenue growth, strengthen partnerships with airlines and airport authorities, enhance guest experience, and build high-performing teams aligned with the Group's growth objectives.

David has developed his career across six countries, honing his commercial expertise in global airport and travel environments. His leadership is distinguished by his entrepreneurial spirit,

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innovative commercial strategies, and ability to cultivate strong, collaborative teams across multicultural environments. His appointment will mark a key milestone as PPG continues to enhance and expand its presence in the vibrant and growing Latin American travel market.

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Plaza Premium Group (PPG) is the global leader in integrated airport hospitality and passenger service solutions, operating the largest network of airport lounges worldwide and offering a 360-degree airport hospitality experience with 14 brands under its portfolio, operating in 150 countries across 600 international and domestic airports and serving 24 million passengers annually. With a mission to Make Travel Better, the group introduced the world's first independent airport lounge concept in 1998. Plaza Premium Lounge, Plaza Premium First - award-winning airport lounges, Aerotel - the world's largest airport transit hotel chain, Refreshhh by Aerotel, ALWAYS - airport passenger services, airport dining concepts, Smart Traveller - innovative digital experience and rewards platform, and One Travel Experience Ecosystem (OneTECO), the group is at the forefront of transforming airport experiences for the better through innovative and human-led solutions. PPG's commitment extends beyond its brands, as it also provides lounge management and hospitality solutions to leading airlines, alliances, and corporations worldwide. Plaza Premium Group has over 100 accolades, demonstrating its exceptional achievements and commitment to service excellence. Notably, the group has received the prestigious "World's Best Independent Airport Lounge" award at the World Airline Awards by Skytrax for nine consecutive years from 2016 to 2025. With a team of over 6,000 dedicated professionals worldwide, and through a continuous pursuit of innovation and excellence, the group is experiencing exponential growth globally.

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