

# News Release



## Carlson Wagonlit Travel Promotes Lisa Whelan to Top Ireland Post

**DUBLIN, December 17, 2009** — Carlson Wagonlit Travel (CWT), Ireland's leading specialist in business travel management, has promoted Lisa Whelan to the position of Country Manager Ireland, effective 1<sup>st</sup> January.

As Country Manager, Whelan will have a dual role, continuing to manage Sales and Programme Management whilst also taking responsibility for the overall profitability and growth of the business in Ireland. She will report to Andrew Waller, Executive Vice President, CWT UK & Ireland, and succeeds Arthur Harrow, who will retire at the end of the year.

"We welcome Lisa into this role and are confident that with her team's support she will help drive growth in Ireland and continue to add value to clients' travel programmes," said Waller.

Whelan's proven track record in corporate sales has helped grow the corporate business in Ireland with significant wins, most recently KPMG Ireland, a leading provider of professional services including audit, tax and advisory.

KPMG selected CWT Ireland as their new travel management supplier in October 2009 following a comprehensive tender process. "We feel that CWT will be a good fit for our organisation as the CWT proposal covered four key areas of our business – Booking, In Transit, Cost Control and Travel Management," said Colette Gosling, Associate Director, KPMG Ireland. CWT is currently implementing the KPMG business which is due to commence in early January 2010, subject to contract finalisation.

Whelan joined Executive Travel Group in 1994, the same year the agency became affiliated with the CWT global network, and worked as a business travel consultant and national account manager. In 2005, she became director of Sales and Programme Management, responsible for corporate clients in Ireland. Whelan has been a member of the management team for the past three years.

CWT acquired Executive Travel in December 2008.

### **About Carlson Wagonlit Travel**

Carlson Wagonlit Travel (CWT) is a global leader specialising in business travel management. Present in more than 150 countries, CWT serves companies of all sizes, as well as government institutions and non-governmental organisations. By leveraging both the expertise of its people and leading-edge technology, CWT helps clients derive the greatest value from their travel programme in terms of savings, service, security and sustainability. The company is also committed to providing best-in-class service and assistance to travellers. CWT services and solutions comprise four lines of business: Traveller & Transaction Services, Programme Optimisation, Safety & Security, and Meetings & Events. In 2008, sales volume for wholly owned operations and joint ventures totalled US\$27.8 billion. For more information, please visit [www.carlsonwagonlit.com](http://www.carlsonwagonlit.com).

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