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CIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS REINFORCED BY RETAILERS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

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CIES – The Food Business Forum, the Paris-based independent global retail network, confirmed the appointment of the following retail leaders to its Board of Directors.

- **Gareth ACKERMAN, Pick'n Pay Holdings, South Africa**
- **José Luis DURAN, Carrefour Group, France**
- **Mike DUKE, Wal-Mart International, USA**
- **Klaus DOHLE, Dohle Handelsgruppe Service, Germany**
- **Michael KOK, Dairy Farm International, Hong Kong**

These appointments increase the number of CIES Directors and/ or CEOs of retail member companies (see complete list below).

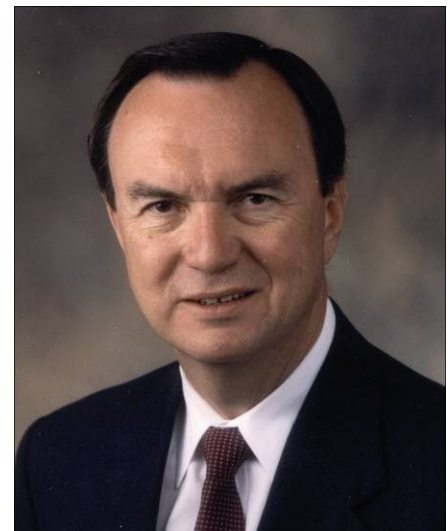
Gareth ACKERMAN's expertise is built on many years of industry experience across multi-levels and aspects of the retail industry, Family Business and Investment.

In his role at Pick 'n Pay, South Africa, he worked in a number of operational areas, including two years in the founding of its first Australian operations and as MD of Blue Ribbon Butcheries before becoming Joint Managing Director of the Pick 'n Pay Group in 1992. During this time he established, amongst other projects, the Franchise Division, Pick 'n Pay Financial Services and the purchase and development of Score Supermarkets and Pick 'n Pay Group Enterprises of which he was the first Chairman.



Mike DUKE currently serves as Vice Chairman, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. Duke joined Wal-Mart in 1995. He has served as President and CEO of Wal-Mart Stores Division (USA), Executive Vice President of Administration, Executive Vice President of Logistics, Senior Vice President of Logistics, and Senior Vice President of Distribution.

Duke has full operating responsibilities for all of the Company's International operations, including Argentina, Brazil, Canada, China, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Japan, Mexico, Nicaragua, Puerto Rico, and the United Kingdom.



Klaus Dohle started his professional career with Allkauf SB-Warenhaus GmbH & Co. KG in Mönchengladbach/Germany. He then graduated in business management in Aachen/Germany.

After passing university, he finished practical training periods for several companies at home and abroad, i.e. Super Quinn/Ireland and Kroger/USA, in the Atlanta-division.

After leaving the USA, he worked for the German DIY-company OBI, as well as in the German discount operator Kaufland who belongs to the Lidl & Schwarz-Group.

In 1995 he joined the family business and worked mostly for the first years in building-up the Polish operations for the HIT-Group.

In 2001, he was appointed to CEO of the Dohle Handelsgruppe Holding and is also involved in the real estate division and investment group of Dohle.

Dohle operates 95 HIT-superstores and hypermarkets in Germany and also 2 hypermarktes in Sofia/Bulgaria.



José Luis DURAN has been Chairman of the Management Board for Carrefour Group since April 2005.

Prior to that, he was CFO and Managing Director of Organization and Systems for Carrefour and joined the group's Executive Committee in April of 2001.

He became Chief Financial Officer for Carrefour Spain in 1999.

Carrefour is the leading retailer in Europe and the second largest worldwide, with more than 12,500 stores and 456,300 employees in 29 countries (as of December 2006). The Group combines four different store formats which are hypermarkets, supermarkets, convenience stores and hard discounters.



Michael KOK is appointed Group Chief Executive in April 2007. He sits on the boards of Dairy Farm International Holdings Ltd and Dairy Farm Management Services Ltd.

Mr Kok was appointed Regional Director, South Asia in 1997 with prime responsibilities for the Group's retail operations in Singapore, Malaysia, India and Indonesia. In this role, Mr Kok oversaw sustained sales and earnings growth in South Asia. He also engineered a number of important acquisitions, including the small family-run Giant hypermarket chain in 2000 which has now evolved into a major regional player with some 50 hypermarkets across Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia.



CIES - The Food Business Forum is the only independent global food business network. It serves the CEOs and senior management of nearly 400 members, in over 150 countries, with retailers being the largest single group.

Providing a platform for knowledge-exchange, thought-leadership and networking, CIES has been growing with the food business for over 50 years. Its strength lies in the active commitment of its member companies and its privileged access to key industry players which allows the organisation to facilitate the development of common positions and tools on key strategic and practical issues affecting the food business.

The Directors of the CIES Board are:

Chairman: **Roger CORBETT AM**, ALH Group Pty Limited, Australia (a subsidiary of Woolworths)

- **Gareth ACKERMAN**, Pick'n Pay Holdings, South Africa
- **Arturo BASTIANELLO**, Gruppo Pam S.p.A., Italy
- **Pierre-Olivier BECKERS**, Delhaize Group, Belgium
- **Kenneth BENGTTSSON**, ICA AB, Sweden
- **Klaus DOHLE**, Dohle Handelsgruppe Service, Germany
- **Mike DUKE**, Wal-Mart International, USA
- **José Luis DURAN**, Carrefour, France
- **Silvio ELIAS MARIMON**, Caprabo S.A., Spain
- **Steven ESOM**, Waitrose Ltd, United Kingdom
- **Claude HAUSER**, Federation of Migros Cooperatives, Switzerland
- **Hiroshi KAWASHIMA**, Tokyu Store Chain Co., Ltd, Japan
- **Michael KOK**, The Dairy Farm Group, Hong Kong
- **Dr. Hans-Joachim KÖRBER**, Metro AG, Germany
- **Bill McEWAN**, Sobeys Inc., Canada
- **Henri MESTDAGH**, Mestdagh S.A., Belgium
- **Motoya OKADA**, ÆON Co., Ltd, Japan
- **Senator Feargal QUINN**, Superquinn, Ireland
- **Gonzalo RESTREPO**, Almacenes Exito S.A., Colombia
- **Francisco SOARES DOS SANTOS**, JMR, Portugal
- **Kian Chew TAN**, NTUC Fairprice Co-operatives Ltd, Singapore

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