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Born on June 12, 1949, in Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, Mr. Fernando Pinto is married and has two children. He holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. Presently he is the Chief Executive Officer of TAP (since October 2000). He was former President and C.E.O. of Varig S.A., Viação Aérea Rio-Grandense between 1996 – 2000. He has a technical degree in Powerplant & Mechanics from the Federal Technical School of Rio de Janeiro, an extension in Business Administration in Fundação Getúlio Vargas in Rio de Janeiro and also various technical specializations in Aeronautics. He received various decorations and awards such as the Aeronautical Award; Santos Dumont Award; Recognition of the Superior Labour Court and the Superior Military Court Award and the Grand Officer of Portuguese Merit Order Decoration.

Mr. Fernando Pinto was also the President of the AEA – Association of European Airlines (for the year 2005) and Chairman of IATA – International Air Transport Association, from June 2007 to Jun 2008.

TAP PORTUGAL

TAP Portugal is the leading Portuguese airline, in operation since 1945, and member of Star Alliance since March 2005. Its Lisbon hub is a key European gateway at the crossroads of the African, North & South American continents, where TAP stands out as the leading European carrier operating to Brazil. TAP's current network comprises 75 domestic and international destinations in 34 countries world-wide, with an even greater range of cities beyond its own system-wide network served by code-share operations with a number of partner airlines all over the world. TAP offers customers an extended and highly flexible choice while providing them with the most convenient scheduled flights and easy connectivity onto further distant destinations. Along with PGA, its regional carrier acquired in 2007, TAP currently operates over 1,850 weekly flights. Quality service to customers is the company's top priority. Therefore, TAP launched, a couple of years ago, five new branded products tailored to meet travelers' different motivations and needs: tap executive; tap plus; tap classic; tap basic and tap discount, which are supported on the new paradigm "Come aboard the freedom of choice. 1 flight, 5 ways to travel" and include, in the whole, a varied offer of features and services. In 2007, TAP received a World Travel Market Award in London, in recognition for of its highly valuable contribution to the development of Tourism in Portugal. In 2009 and 2010, TAP was recognized and awarded by the World Travel Awards as the World's Leading Airline to South America. Voted the 3rd Best Airline in South Europe by Skytrax, TAP was recognized by the prestigious Condé Nast Traveler magazine as the Best Airline (2010) and recently awarded, for the 7th consecutive time, as Best Airline by the Portuguese specialized trade newspaper Publituris.