

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Dave Pflieger named CEO of new Flybe**

The new Flybe Limited (“Flybe”) today announced the appointment of Dave Pflieger as Chief Executive Officer.

Dave is a highly experienced aviation executive who has successfully led and managed multiple airline start-ups and turnarounds globally. He has been a senior executive or CEO at seven different airlines, ranging from a national flag carrier and a major U.S. airline to several low-cost carriers and regional airlines.

In addition to senior executive roles at Delta Air Lines, Song, Virgin America, Silver Airways and most recently as CEO of Ravn Air Group, the largest regional airline in Alaska, Dave also led the highly successful turnaround, re-fleeting, and re-branding of the national carrier of Fiji, Fiji Airways.

While at Fiji Airways, Dave and his team also accomplished a number of firsts, including creation of a corporate social responsibility programme, establishing a front-line employee incentive compensation scheme and the first-ever employee profit sharing programme in the country. In addition, while at Virgin America, Dave created and led Virgin’s industry-leading “green team” and sustainability efforts which he intends to replicate at Flybe.

Today’s appointment follows the 13th April 2021 sale of the business and assets of Flybe Ltd (in Administration, now renamed FBE Realisations Ltd) to Thyme Opco Limited (now renamed Flybe Limited).

“We are extremely fortunate to have someone with Dave’s skills and track record of success leading our new airline as it gets ready to start operations and serve key regions in the UK and EU,” said Kevin Hatton, Chairman of the Board for Flybe Ltd.

Dave Pflieger, CEO of Flybe, said: “I am extremely excited to be leading such a great new team. The last 12 months have been intensely busy for all of us here, but it has been very rewarding to know that we are soon going to launch a new, better, and stronger company that will build upon a respected and well-known brand, create valuable industry jobs, and once again play a critical role in connecting regions and communities across the UK. Given that important task, our team and I recognise we have a responsibility to create and grow a great company that delivers for our customers, our employees, and the communities that we plan to serve.”

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