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*Who got a new gig this week? Check out this week's travel industry's movers and shakers!*

## **1. Star Alliance gets a new Australian chair**

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Michael Zorbas – Air New Zealand's Commercial Strategy and Alliances Manager, Australia – has been appointed as Chair of the Star Alliance Country Steering Committee.

Zorbas brings more than 12 years airline experience to his new role, having joined Air New Zealand's international division in 2002 as a business analyst.

Since then he has held a variety of senior management positions within the airline, including Commercial Operations Manager and National Sales Manager (Northern/Western Region).

As Country Steering Committee Chair, Zorbas will lead Star Alliance network activities in Australia, including liaison with industry partners, and promotion of the Alliance's global network and innovative services.

He will also oversee Star Alliance's corporate social responsibility initiatives in Australia, including its on-going support of the Children's Medical Research Institute – an independent Australian organisation conducting world-class genetic research to help prevent and treat childhood diseases.