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“Kell”

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Kell Ryan’s 40 years of airline experience covers a wide span of the industry, giving him a comprehensive knowledge in the aviation field that spans operations, training, marketing, sales, public relations, and media communications.

Mr. Ryan spent the first 24 years working for the Irish national airline Aer Lingus, where he was responsible for all operations, passenger, and other airline-handling contracts at London Heathrow Airport.

Ryanair was financed and was the dream of Dr. T.A. Ryan, Mr. Ryan's older brother, who has worked with him almost since its conception. Working furiously to revolutionize and change air travel in Europe, Ryanair has made air travel available and affordable to all. Mr. Ryan headed the major and crucial transfer of the airline to the then little-known airport Stansted and has spent the last few years primarily promoting and marketing Ryanair within Europe. It is of great pride to him that he is a pioneering member of a team that has changed travel within Europe. In 1985, Ryanair carried 5,000 passengers and in 2004 expects to carry 24 million passengers and to become the largest low-cost airline in Europe.

Mr. Ryan has chaired and is involved with many tourism forums in Ireland, England, Wales, the Channel Islands, and mainland Europe.

A strong advocate of higher education, Mr. Ryan grasps every opportunity to address students with the hope that he passes on some of his enthusiasm and love of the aviation industry. With this in mind, he is involved with universities in Ireland, England, and Germany and serves on the Board of Visitors of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.