

Aldo Cristiano, CAOBISCO President re-elected for another term

BRUSSELS, 21 June 2022- CAOBISCO, the Association of the Chocolate, Biscuits & Confectionery Industries of Europe celebrated today in Ghent (Brussels) its first physical General Council and General Assembly meeting since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic. CAOBISCO members have unanimously re-elected the TROIKA to lead the association for the next 2 years. CAOBISCO once again welcomes Mr. Aldo Cristiano (Ferrero) as the President, Ms. Barbara Blohberger (Mondelez International) and Mr. Paolo Casoni (Perfetti Van Melle) as the two Vice-Presidents. Mr. Urs Furrer, Director-General of the Swiss Association Chocosuisse/Biscosuisse, was elected by CAOBISCO members as the Association's new Treasurer.

After two years of online meetings due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the European Chocolate, Biscuit and Confectionery Association gathered again in Ghent (Belgium) on Friday 16th and 17th of June 2022 for its General Assembly, with more than 25 delegates from 15 different countries and companies.

With the vision of being a trusted and sustainable sector organisation, CAOBISCO has gone through a major restructuring process over the last two years. In order to provide continuity to the organisation, the so-called "Troika" of CAOBISCO (President and Vice-Presidents) has been unanimously re-elected under the leadership of its President Aldo Cristiano.

Addressing the needs of a rapidly changing external environment, CAOBISCO will focus on relevant topics such as export competitiveness, sustainable food systems and supply chain, food security & safety as well as health & nutrition. CAOBISCO will also continue to ensure that emerging issues such as security of supply and corporate sustainability due diligence are tackled.

Speaking after his re-election, Mr Aldo Cristiano said: *"I am honoured that CAOBISCO Members have given me the trust for another term. It makes me proud to be the representative of such an active association. I will consider my second term in office as a mandate to continue the transformation our association has started 2 years ago, to meet the expectations of its members and ever increasing societal and environmental changes. But also to continue to build a correct and robust associative structure in order to strengthen our industry's resilience to face current and future challenges at EU level"*.

Aldo has been in the global confectionery business for more than 20 years, leading the company's raw material procurement globally and heading the sustainability activities Ferrero is engaged in while having leading roles of sector-wide initiatives and institutions.

At international level was Aldo was Board Member of the ICI (International Cocoa Initiative) from 2007-2016. Aldo was also Member of the Consultative Board at the ICCO (International Cocoa Organization). Additionally, from 2012 to 2018 he served as a member of the Board of Directors at the WCF (World Cocoa Foundation) and from 2015 to 2018, as Chairman of the FCC (Federation of Cocoa Commerce).

CAOBISCO is the Association of the Chocolate, Biscuits & Confectionery Industries of Europe. We represent more than 12,000 European chocolate, biscuits and confectionery manufacturing companies, 99% of which are SMEs. The sector is a major player in the European economy, with over 225, 000 direct employees and an annual turnover of over €42 billion.



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