

European Office Supplies Alliance (EOSA).

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Changes in EOSA

Ray Peck, CEO of office2office plc has been appointed Chairman of EOSA, following the resignation of Oswald Van Even as a consequence of Lyreco's acquisition of Ahrend Office Products.

Ray Peck said "We thank Oswald Van Evan for leading EOSA through its formative years and highly appreciate the participation of key Ahrend Office Products management during that period.

"I am delighted to take over the leadership of this exciting and innovative organisation, which has gone from strength to strength over recent years."

There have already been several contacts with potential new partners to strengthen EOSA's position. In Scandinavia, following C.TYBRING-GJEDDE's successful merger with Andvord, it is the ATG Group's intention to continue to build on its role in the success of EOSA's sales and marketing programme. The ATG Group covers the whole of the Norwegian, Swedish and Danish markets, with an estimated turnover of 315M Euro.

EOSA works in close co-operation with OfficeMax®, which extends customer coverage for Europe to North America, Mexico, Australia and New Zealand.

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About EOSA

The European Office Supplies Alliance (EOSA) is a partnership of European office products companies founded in 2002. The alliance exists for sales and marketing co-operation.

Joint sales of the nine EOSA partners amounted to some € 800 million. With strong sales and marketing activity across 17 European countries, the alliance is ranked among the leaders of the European office products industry.

Worldwide co-operation has been established with the American company OfficeMax® Incorporated, with operations in five countries: USA, Canada, Mexico, Australia and New Zealand.

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- iba - Bolligen, Switzerland
- office2office - Norwich, United Kingdom
- Paperipalvelu - Helsinki, Finland
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