



Willie Walsh
CEO International Airlines Group

At the early age of 17, Willie Walsh became a pilot at Irish flag carrier Aer Lingus, joining as a cadet in 1979. He acquired a Master's degree in Management and Business Administration from Trinity College, Dublin during his pilot years, while advancing to become a Boeing 737 captain.

Mr. Walsh joined company management in various positions including CEO of Aer Lingus Spanish Charter airline, Futura, from 1998 to 2000. He returned to Aer Lingus at that time as COO for one year, then became their CEO in 2001. He moved on to British Airways in 2005 and served as their CEO for more than five years. First appointed at International Airlines Group in 2010, Mr. Walsh was re-elected in 2018.

Willie Walsh is currently the Chairman of the IATA Board of Governors, as well as Chairman of the National Treasury Management Agency of Ireland. Aviation Week & Space Technology magazine named Walsh as its 2014 Laureate for Commercial Aviation.