

Partnership: succeeding together

Gordon Dewar



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Main Lecture Theatre, (3.25)
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Biography

Gordon is the CEO at Edinburgh Airport having entered the airport sector in 2006 in Glasgow and spending two years each at Glasgow, Edinburgh and Bahrain before returning to Edinburgh under its new GIP owners in 2012. Gordon has overseen a period of rapid growth taking the passenger numbers at Edinburgh from 9.2m in 2012 to 11m in 2015 and delivering a significant investment plan to accommodate this 20% growth. Prior to airports Gordon worked in the bus and rail industries and as a transport Consultant focussing on investment and commercial operations. Gordon's education started at Forrester High School in West Edinburgh and he is a graduate of London School of Economics and holds an MBA from Strathclyde Business School. In 2015 Gordon was awarded the IoD Director of the Year Award and the Scottish Business awards CEO of the year, an award that delivered the opportunity for Gordon's wife Martina to meet George Clooney, a matter of much more importance. Gordon is also a Board Director for Visit Scotland, Scottish Tourism Alliance and for the Airport Operators Association. Gordon has four children spanning the ages of 21 to 7 so spends his spare time being a taxi service and supporting various extra-curricular activities. When there is a home match he may be found at Tynecastle where his selected seat is one that affords as good a view of Edinburgh Castle as of the pitch, which is often a welcome option.

Abstract

Gordon will present on the importance of partnership and collaboration in business, Using his experiences at the airport, he will set out how Edinburgh Airport Limited engages with a range of partners to achieve the strategic objectives of the airport. Examples will include collaboration on operational matters within the airport, collaboration with suppliers for innovation and expansion and collaboration with external parties on the policy and economic development agenda. Gordon's presentation will show how this structured approach to collaboration is at the heart of Edinburgh Airport's growth strategy and how this benefits Scotland as a whole.

<http://www.edinburghairport.com/about-us/facts-and-figures/our-management>