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Until his recent announcement to step down as ALTA's Executive Director, Alex de Gunten was responsible for leading a multi-national team of professionals to assist over 40 member airlines on critical safety, governmental, regulatory, financial and operational issues in aviation in the Latin America and Caribbean regions. De Gunten held the position as ALTA's Executive Director since 2003, when the association bore the name of AITAL.

Prior to that, de Gunten had served as Managing Director International of Orbitz, CEO of RepWorld Holdings, Vice President International LanChile Airlines (today LATAM), and Director General for Latin America for Canadian Airlines International (now part of Air Canada). He is an active leader in local and international communities, frequently speaking at leading international organizations conferences and contributing to major mainstream and industry-related media outlets. He is presently Co-Chairman of RASG - PA (Regional Aviation Safety Group – Pan America) under the auspices of ICAO and is a member of IATA's Checkpoint of the Future Advisory Group. He was member of the board of the Greater Miami Aviation Association (GMAA), as well as Vice President of the Chile-U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Miami. He was also Vice President of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Mexico, and Director of the Airline Chamber of Mexico (CANAERO). Alex de Gunten is the recipient of the GMAA Juan Trippe Award 2012, which recognizes the significant contributions made by an individual to the development of international aviation and co-recipient of the FSF-Boeing Aviation Safety Lifetime Achievement Award 2012, which recognizes an individual for his or her lifetime commitment and contribution to enhancing aviation safety.

Fluent in English, Spanish and French, de Gunten has a Master's in Business Administration with a major in International Business at Queen's University in Ontario, Canada and a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering from McGill University in Quebec, Canada.

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