

Press release: ETN Global Board election 2024

Simon Balmer, Operations Director - Gas Turbine Fleet at Uniper, was appointed as the Chairman and President of ETN Global on 17 April 2024 by the newly elected ETN Board of Directors. He took over this role from the outgoing President Pedro Lopez, Chief Operating Officer (EVP) - Asset Operations at Uniper, who has held this position for the past 4 years.

Simon Balmer will be supported by the Vice President Hege Rognø (Equinor), and the Board members Andy Williams (Chromalloy), Laure Veyradier (TotalEnergies), Sigrid Gijbels (Engie), Viken Chinien (DNV), Peter Stuttaford (Thomassen Energy – a Hanhwa company), Andreas Huber (DLR), Uwe Kaltwasser (Siemens Energy), Marco Ruggiero (Baker Hughes), Alberto Traverso (UNIGE) and Abdalnaser Sayma (City, London University).

"I am very honoured to have been chosen to follow Pedro Lopez into this position in ETN Global. I extend my gratitude to him and the outgoing Board members for their support over the years to ETN Global. I am excited by the opportunity to work with the continuing and new Board colleagues, Christer, and the whole ETN Global team as we continue to strengthen the collaboration within the global turbomachinery community.

The energy landscape is transforming. The options to decarbonise existing gas turbines (GTs) and build new 'green' GTs in different configurations (open cycle, combined cycle, CHP, etc.) enable us to pursue renewable and storage routes more energetically than ever before. The proven technology of gas turbines will support this transformation reliably, as it has over the past decades.

For a timely and cost-efficient transition, we also need a coordinated collaboration between ETN members who research, design, develop, manufacture, install, commission, operate, and maintain both current and future turbomachinery. It is truly inspiring to be a part of this!"



Simon Balmer, Uniper

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About ETN Global: "ETN Global is a non-profit membership association that, through cooperative efforts and by undertaking collaborative activities and projects, encourages and facilitates knowledge sharing and cooperation among its members. It aims to accelerate research, development, demonstration and deployment of safe, secure, affordable, and dispatchable carbon-neutral energy solutions."