

ecta welcomes Keri Gilder, CEO of Colt as new member of its CEO Council

Brussels, 20 July 2020. *Keri Gilder, recently appointed CEO of Colt Technology Systems, joins the ecta CEO Council. The CEO Council is an advisory body supporting ecta's Board and Director General in their corporate objectives and in synchronising messaging at a high level.*

Keri Gilder : *"The collaboration of our industry during the Covid-19 pandemic is one of the key factors which contributed to our sectors' success in the midst of such an unprecedented time. I am excited to be joining the ecta CEO Council because I believe carrying on this collaboration and working towards a unified industry approach will be critical for all our successes moving forward."*

Welcoming Keri Gilder as new member of the ecta CEO Council, Luc Hindryckx, ecta Director General said:

"Competitors in telecoms play a driving role in European post-Covid-19 recovery by serving all sectors of the EU economy. Here, it is a particular asset for ecta to be able to draw on Keri's support as the leader of a recognised innovator and pioneer in new network technologies like software defined networks (SDN) and network function virtualisation (NFV). Her understanding of the regulatory challenges that come with Industry 4.0 will also be of outstanding value to the association."

The ecta CEO Council is currently composed as follows:

[Alberto Calcagno, CEO, Fastweb SpA](#)

[Keri Gilder, CEO, Colt Technology Services](#)

[Alex Goldblum, CEO, Eurofiber](#)

[Jean-Marc Harion, CEO, PLAY](#)

[Maxime Lombardini, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, Iliad](#)

[Panos Papadopoulos, CEO, Forthnet](#)

[Meinrad Spenger, CEO, Masmovil](#)

[Norbert Westfal, Managing Director, EWE TEL](#)

[Martin Witt, CEO, 1&1 Telecommunication SE](#)

[David Zimmer, CEO, Inexio](#)

Keri Gilder

Chief Executive Officer

Keri Gilder is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at Colt. Appointed to the role in May 2020, Keri is responsible for executing Colt's strategy which centres around transforming the way the world works through the power of connectivity.

Before becoming CEO, Keri was Colt's Chief Commercial Officer (CCO), leading global teams across sales, presales and marketing, as well as working closely with the wider organisation to ensure Colt delivered for its customers.

Before joining Colt, Keri held several leadership roles at Ciena but was most recently its Vice President and General Manager EMEA, responsible for guiding Ciena's EMEA service provider and enterprise customers, as well as partners.

Keri is passionate about promoting Inclusion and Diversity, also leading Colt's Diversity Council, to ensure Colt is a business where everyone feels they can bring their true selves to work. Keri brings this passion to the wider industry, also supporting external mentoring and coaching initiatives.

Prior to Ciena, Keri worked in multiple roles for Lucent Technologies, and she has also worked for Hughes Aircraft as a Network Engineer.

Keri has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with an emphasis in Management Information Systems (MIS) from New Mexico State University.

Keri lives in London with her husband and two children and is based at Colt's head office in London.



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ecta members are united in their belief that competition is the best driver of efficient investments and the greatest enabler of innovation, choice and benefits for citizens and businesses, as well as for the European economy overall. This is the key message that **ecta** and its members promote.

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About Colt

Colt strives to transform the way the world works through the power of connectivity. The Colt IQ Network connects 900+ data centres across Europe, Asia and North America's largest business hubs, with over 29,000 on net buildings and growing.

Colt understands business connectivity requirements and provides high performance and high bandwidth solutions to enable customers' success, with Colt's vision centering on being the most customer oriented business in the industry. Customers include data intensive organisations spanning over 210 cities in more than 30 countries. Colt is a recognised innovator and pioneer in Software Defined Networks (SDN) and Network Function Virtualisation (NFV). Privately owned, Colt is one of the most financially sound companies in its industry and able to provide the best customer experience at a competitive price. For more information, please visit www.colt.net.