



Kurt Ekert
President and CEO
Carlson Wagonlit travel

Kurt Ekert was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of Carlson Wagonlit Travel (CWT) in April 2016. He works from CWT's offices in Minneapolis and Paris.

Mr. Ekert has extensive industry and international experience, having previously served as Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer of Travelport. He was responsible for the firm's global sales, customer engagement, product, marketing, pricing, supplier services/content, and commercial operations. He led the operational turnaround of Travelport to enable its evolution from private equity and hedge fund ownership to a successful IPO.

He also held a number of other operating and business development roles during his career at Travelport, including Chief Operating Officer of GTA and Senior Vice President of Supplier Services. Before Travelport, Mr. Ekert held a number of senior finance roles at Continental Airlines, and also spent four years as an active duty U.S. Army officer.

Mr. Ekert received a B.S. from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and a MBA from the University of South Carolina. He serves as a director of Passur Aerospace, an advisor to Freebird and previously served on the board of eNett International.