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Levon Hampartzoumian Voted BBLF's New Deputy Chairman

The General Meeting also reelected Board members Maxim Behar, Zoya Paunova and Boriana Manolova

София, 29 May 2018. **Levon Hampartzoumian**, BBLF Management Board member and UniCredit Bulbank CEO, was unilaterally elected deputy chairman of the Management Board at the Forum's Annual General Meeting held on 28 May 2018. The mandates of long-term Board members **Maxim Behar**, CEO and Chairman of M3 Communications Group, Inc. and **Zoya Paunova**, Astra Zeneca Bulgaria CEO, were renewed. Delegates also voted in favour of the second 3-year term of **Boriana Manolova**, Siemens Bulgaria CEO.

„BBLF, the organisation that comprises over 100 leading companies has purposefully promoted business ethics and corporate responsibility as the pillars of successful business operations. I believe we all embrace BBLF's vision of making Bulgaria the country we all dream of, would like to invest, work honestly and live in. BBLF has been one of the drivers of this transformation for the last 20 years”, **Iravan Hira**, BBLF Board chairman and HPE Managing Director said upon opening the event that took place at Grand Hotel Sofia.

Representatives of **40 BBLF member companies** took part in the meeting which was also attended by Anelia Todorova, deputy head of the Department for International Trade at the British Embassy. BBLF Executive Director **George Ruitchev** reviewed BBLF's 2017 events: over 10 high-level events that engaged businesses but also the public sector and NGOs. BBLF Controller **Gilbert McCaul** also presented his 2017 report. Delegates approved of the 2017 financial reports and then voted for deputy chairman and three members of the Management Board.

Levon Hampartzoumian was elected deputy chairman of the Management Board of BBLF. He succeeded the office from **Zoya Paunova** who served in two consecutive mandates and is now reelected as a member of the Board. **Maxim Behar** who has also been involved in the management of the Forum for many years and served as its chairman in the past got reelected, too. The delegates also supported the second mandate of **Boriana Manolova** in the Management Board.

The BBLF Board committed to encourage and promote good business practices, engage in a constructive dialogue with stakeholders and look after members' interests.

The General Meeting ended with a cocktail where member companies exchanged contacts and experience.

Full list of current BBLF Board members: Iravan Hira, chairman, Levon Hampartzoumian, deputy chairman, and members Boriana Manolova, Vesela Ilieva, Zoya Paunova, Kamelia Slaveykova, Karel Kral, Irina Vasilevska, Maxim Behar, Maria Shishkova, Miroslav Petrov, and Petar Velev. Gilbert McCaul is BBLF's Controller.