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### NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM ELECTED AT THE EUROPEAN CONTAINER GLASS FEDERATION (FEVE)

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FEVE – the European Container Glass Federation has elected its executive team for the 2021-2023 term of office at its Annual General Assembly last Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

Vitalicano Torno, O-I Glass President Business Operations & O-I Europe – one of Europe's leading glass packaging manufacturers for the food and beverage sector - has been elected President of the EU container glass federation. Commenting on his appointment, Mr Torno said: "*I look forward to working closely with FEVE members, staff, and the national associations to further strengthen our Circular Economy industry's business model which is already a leading example*". He added: "*We have the privilege to work with a material that has unique inherent sustainability benefits: it is endlessly recyclable and ensures quality and safety no matter how many times it is recycled. Glass is virtually inert and preserves the taste of the foods and beverages it protects. It adds prestige and the premium look and feel that supports our customers in nurturing their brands. And we are working towards glass as a climate neutral and fully circular packaging.*

Vitalicano Torno succeeds Michel Giannuzzi, CEO of Verallia, who led the association for the previous two years. "*Michel Giannuzzi led the federation not only through this pandemic crisis but also set us on course to tackle some of our biggest challenges*", commented Torno.

The FEVE members also elected Martin Petersson, CEO Ardagh Glass Packaging - Europe, as Vice-President. Mr Petersson commented: "*This is an exciting time for the glass industry as we undertake one of the most important transitions to secure our future: the path to decarbonising glass packaging. I am looking forward to supporting Vitaliano and the sector over the next two years in the drive to address climate change and the sustainability agenda.*"

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#### About FEVE – The European Container Glass Federation

FEVE is the Federation of European manufacturers of glass containers. Its members produce over 20 million tonnes of glass per year. The association has some 60 corporate members belonging to approximately 20 independent groups. Manufacturing plants are located across 23 European States and include global blue chip and major companies working for the world's biggest consumer brands. The Container Glass sector in Europe, makes a significant contribution to the EU Economy and supports essential sectors. More than 125,000 people work in the glass packaging value chain across Europe. It guarantees resilient local supply chains, with a proximity of service to its suppliers and clients. Every year €610 million is invested in upgrading plants for better energy efficiency and reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (i.e. a significant 10% of the operational and maintenance costs). The sector exports around €1.2 billion (empty bottles and jars) and if we take account of items almost always or often packed in glass, glass is an enabler of extra EU exports of around €250 billion (data 2019).

### About Vitaliano Torno

Vitaliano Torno is President of O-I Europe as well as Global Business Operations at O-I Glass Inc. (NYSE: O-I). He is based in Vufflens-la-Ville, Switzerland, and a member of O-I's Global Leadership Team.

Torno has more than 30 years of experience in the glass industry. Before he took his current role, he was President of O-I Europe and instrumental in the design and implementation of a successful reorganization that allows the company to focus on country, market, and segment strategies.

A native of Italy, Torno has a degree in chemical engineering from the Politecnico di Milano university.



### About Martin Petersson

Martin Petersson is CEO of Ardagh Glass Packaging – Europe, and a member of Ardagh's Global Operations Executive Team.

Martin has extensive experience in the Glass industry dating back to 1997 when he started working at the 'Ardagh's glass facility' in Limmared, Sweden.

Prior to his present role he was the Chief Operating Officer for Ardagh Glass Packaging - Europe. Martin is a native Swede and holds a degree in Business Administration and Economics from the University of Gothenburg.



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