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ATP APPOINTS CHRIS KERMODE AS ATP EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT

LONDON — The ATP has announced the appointment of Chris Kermode as ATP Executive Chairman & President. Kermode begins a three-year term at the helm of the ATP starting on 1 January 2014, and will be based in the ATP's London office.

Kermode has been involved in tennis for more than 30 years, first as a player, and then most recently serving as Tournament Director of the Aegon Championships at Queen's Club, as well as Managing Director of the season-ending Barclays ATP World Tour Finals. Regarded as the ATP's crown jewel, the tournament has welcomed more than 1.28m fans to The O2 arena in London over the past five years.

"It's a huge honour to have been given the opportunity to lead the ATP during what is unquestionably one of the most exciting periods in the history of men's professional tennis," said Kermode. "I look forward to getting started in my new role, and to working very hard together with ATP staff, players, tournaments and partners as we look to harness the full potential of our great sport in years to come."

Kermode's wealth of knowledge of all facets of men's professional tennis, as well as his vast experience working with all of the sport's key stakeholders, made him a unanimous choice by the ATP Board of Directors. The appointment brings to a close a thorough search process undertaken by the ATP Board, with the assistance of executive search firm Heidrick & Struggles.

Roger Federer, President of the ATP Player Council, said, "On behalf of the players, I am delighted to welcome Chris as our new ATP Executive Chairman & President. Chris has a lot of experience having worked in a number of different capacities in tennis over the years and he has all the attributes required to lead the ATP World Tour forward during this period of unprecedented popularity and success."

Wimbledon champion Andy Murray said, "I've known and worked with Chris for many years and he gets on well with the players. He's done a great job with Queen's and the World Tour Finals and I look forward to working with him in his new role."

Mark Webster, ATP Board Tournament Representative, said, "Chris's experience in the sports and entertainment industry, his business acumen and his established relationships in tennis make him the perfect candidate to lead the ATP. He has a proven track record in the game and we look forward to him bringing his many attributes to the table in his new role as ATP Executive Chairman & President."



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Justin Gimelstob, ATP Board Player Representative, said, “We are excited to welcome Chris as our new Executive Chairman and President. As a Board, our focus was on finding the best possible candidate who has an in-depth understanding of the intricacies of our sport and who can build on the successes achieved in recent years. We have full confidence that in Chris, we have found a person who can lead our organization and continue the growth of the ATP World Tour.”

Following his career as a professional player, Kermode worked as one of London’s top tennis coaches. He went on to work in both the film and music industries, starting his own promotion & events company, before returning to tennis. Kermode has served as Managing Director of the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals since 2008.

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About the ATP

The ATP is the governing body of the men's professional tennis circuits - the ATP World Tour, the ATP Challenger Tour and the ATP Champions Tour. With 61 tournaments in 31 countries, the ATP World Tour showcases the finest male athletes competing in the world’s most exciting venues. From Australia to Europe and the Americas to Asia, the stars of the ATP World Tour battle for prestigious titles and Emirates ATP Rankings points at ATP World Tour Masters 1000, 500 and 250 events, as well as Grand Slams (non ATP events). At the end of the season only the world’s top 8 ranked singles players and doubles teams, based on their performance throughout the year, qualify to compete for the last title of the season at the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals. Held at The O2 in London, the event sees the official crowning of the year-end ATP World Tour No.1 presented by Emirates. For more information, visit www.ATPWorldTour.com.