

TripAdvisor Names John Dila Director of Customer Care Dila charged with strengthening TripAdvisor's commitment to hospitality industry and member community with the development of a new global customer care unit

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"I look forward to building TripAdvisor's global customer care unit," said Dila. "The owner and member communities are the linchpins of TripAdvisor, so we'll be listening carefully to their feedback as we aim to provide the best possible customer support for all of our users."

For further information and an in-depth interview with John Dila, visit the [TripAdvisor4Biz blog](#).

About TripAdvisor

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