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**Javier Gómez Navarro, Chairman; José María Palencia Saucedo, CEO**

## **Aldeasa appoints new Board of Directors**

- Gilberto Benetton, Gianmario Tondato Da Ruos and Gianni Mion representing Autogrill
- Altadis's three Directors re-appointed

Milan, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2005 - The Board of Directors of Aldeasa S.A. (Madrid: ALD SM), meeting today, has included Gilberto Benetton, Gianmario Tondato Da Ruos and Gianni Mion, respectively Chairman, CEO and Director of Autogrill, as Directors of the Board representing Gruppo Autogrill. Representing Altadis will be the three former Directors re-appointed today.

Autogrill S.p.A. (Milan: AGL IM) and Altadis (Madrid: ALT SM) have agreed to appoint Javier Gómez Navarro as the new company Chairman and José María Palencia Saucedo, formerly Chief Operating Officer, as the new CEO.

This renewal of the Board follows the closure of the take-over bid by Retail Airport Finance S.L.U. (50/50 owned by Autogrill España and Altadis), which secured 95.89% of Aldeasa's share capital.

Autogrill and Altadis expressed their full confidence in Aldeasa's industrial plan and are firmly convinced that the international experience of both shareholders will boost the Company's prospects for the future.