

# GrandVision appoints Willem Eelman as CFO and Member of the Management Board as of 15 May 2019

**Schiphol, the Netherlands - 15 May 2019.** GrandVision N.V. (Euronext: GVVV) announced today that its Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) has approved the appointment of Mr. Willem Eelman as Member of the Management Board, effective as of 15 May 2019. The Supervisory Board of GrandVision N.V. had appointed Willem Eelman as GrandVision's new CFO, in its meeting on 25 April 2019. Willem Eelman succeeds Paulo de Castro, who has resigned from his position as Chief Financial Officer and member of the Management Board.

Willem Eelman, a Dutch national, is the former CFO and Chief Operations Transformation Officer of C&A Europe, a leading clothing retailer in Europe. Prior to joining C&A, he held several senior roles at Unilever, including CFO Europe and its Chief Information Officer. In addition, Willem Eelman has been a member of GrandVision's Supervisory Board since 2011 and has been acting as Chairman of the Audit Committee since 2011. Mr. Eelman stepped down from GrandVision's Supervisory Board on 2 April 2019.

"I am excited to welcome Willem Eelman to GrandVision's management team. Willem's deep financial and operational experience as well as his strong understanding of GrandVision will enable a very stable and smooth transition and will support the company's further growth strategy and its main initiatives", said Stephan Borchert.

"We are pleased with the appointment of Willem Eelman as new CFO, with which we will further strengthen GrandVision's management team," said Kees van der Graaf, Chairman of GrandVision's Supervisory Board.

## About GrandVision

GrandVision is a global leader in optical retailing and delivers high quality and affordable eye care to more and more customers around the world. The high quality eye care offered by GrandVision includes a wide range of services provided by its vision experts, prescription glasses including frames and lenses, contact lenses and contact lens care products, and sunglasses both plain and with prescription lenses. These products are offered through leading optical retail banners which operate in more than 40 countries across Europe, the Americas, the Middle East and Asia. GrandVision serves its customers in over 7,000 stores and with more than 37,000 employees which are proving every day that in EYE CARE, WE CARE MORE. For more information, please visit [www.grandvision.com](http://www.grandvision.com).

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