



Bart de Vries

Captain B777/B787
Managing Director
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Bart de Vries is Captain on Boeing 777 aircraft at KLM Royal Dutch Airlines. Over the last 15 years he has held various management positions within KLM in addition to his flying duties. Currently Bart is active as Managing Director of the Flight Academy of the KLM group and acts as adviser to the COO and Board of KLM on strategic operational matters. In this capacity he is vice-chair of ACARE representing the end-users of the civil aviation eco-system.

After joining KLM as a pilot Bart started his career in various projects. Thereafter he was appointed as Director of Quality Assurance, followed by being Vice President Operational Safety & QA where he was responsible for flight Safety, Compliance and the Quality program of the KLM Air Operator Certificate. Later he held the position of Vice President of the 737-unit of Flight Operations overseeing the Boeing 737 pilots and operations. In this period Bart played an extensive role in digitizing flight operations where personal Electronic Flight Bags were introduced. Also was he responsible for the successful introduction of mixed fleet flying of the B777 with the B787, a program generating significant cost savings for the company while maintaining a robust level of safety.

Until late 2018 Bart has held the position of Executive Vice President Flight Operations, being member of the KLM Executive Committee. As such he was responsible (nominated person) for the flight operations executed by KLM and for the training and checking of all KLM crew.

Bart de Vries has extensive international experience. He has for several years been a member of the Flight Safety Foundation board of governors and was Chairman of the Technical & Operations Committee of the Association of European Airlines. Within the International Air Transport Association he has fulfilled a variety of roles including membership of the Operations Committee.

In his free time Bart is an active pilot in historic aviation and he regularly takes part in formation flights at air shows.