

***Paul Topping***  
***Managing Director***  
***Alpha Airport Group Plc, Asia***

Operating out from Alpha Asia head quarters in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Paul oversees the Duty Free operations in the region namely in India, Sri Lanka, Maldives and Nepal.

Paul has over 20 years experience in travel retail and has been active in the industry lobbying on behalf of tobacco and other retail areas. He is also a board member of **APTRA** (Asia Pacific Travel Retail Association).

Many veterans in the industry view him as the pioneer of Indian Travel Retail. Alpha was the first foreign duty free operator to gain entry to an Indian airport. In early 2006, Paul successfully organized and conducted the Indian Duty Free Workshop 2006 at Cochin.

He jointly spearheaded building of the travel Retail Duty Free Village, Palliyawatta, Sri Lanka, housing more than 20 families affected by the December 2004 Asian Tsunami.