

BRITISH AIRWAYS PLC  
Form 6-K  
September 30, 2005  
FORM 6-K

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER**

**FURNISHED PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER**

**THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**30 September 2005**

**BRITISH AIRWAYS Plc**

**(Registrant's Name)**

**Waterside HBA3,**

**PO Box 365**

**Harmondsworth UB7 0GB**

**United Kingdom**

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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorised.

BRITISH AIRWAYS Plc

By: /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Alan Buchanan

Title: Company Secretary

Date 30 September 2005

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| 1.                 | New Chief Financial Officer Announcement |

# NEW CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

British Airways announces that its group treasurer and head of taxation, Keith Williams, will succeed John Rishton as chief financial officer on 1 January, 2006 following the resignation of the latter with effect from 31 December to join Amsterdam based retailer, Ahold.

Martin Broughton, the airline's chairman said: "Keith played a critical part in restoring the company's balance sheet and returning it to a position of financial health. He has a great knowledge of the company and has the personality needed for the role."

Willie Walsh, chief executive designate, said: "I am very sorry to see John go but delighted to welcome Keith to the leadership team. He has an excellent reputation inside and outside British Airways. I've worked closely with Keith in the last five months and I look forward to working with him closely in the years ahead."

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### Notes to Editors

Keith Williams, 49, is a chartered accountant and joined British Airways as head of taxation 1998.

He added the role of group treasurer in 2001 and was responsible for managing the reduction of the airline's debt and financing following the 9/11 terrorist attacks in the United States.

Keith is married with two children.

Prior to joining British Airways Keith held the position of head of tax at Reckitt and Colman. Between 1991-1996 Keith was based in Paris as treasurer for Apple Computer Europe.