

**Press release:**

## **Female Executive Search Appoints its own Female MD**

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**Female Executive Search, the executive recruitment platform designed to promote boardroom equality, is leading by example with the appointment of France Dequilbec as its new Managing Director.**

Ms Dequilbec takes her new role at Female Executive Search ([www.female-executive-search.com](http://www.female-executive-search.com)) one year after its launch. Part of the CEO Worldwide group of businesses, the specialist recruitment service is dedicated to connecting the world's top female leadership talent with progressive businesses and organisations that value gender diversity.

Previously Head of International Talent Acquisition for Female Executive Search, Ms Dequilbec says that the past 12 months have offered valuable insight into the job market for senior women:

“We have multiple goals at Female Executive Search. Firstly, to provide a platform for candidates to demonstrate their capabilities; secondly, to offer organisations access to a wealth of senior talent, and thirdly, to encourage connections and the sharing of ideas and experience between our community.

“Over the past year I have interviewed hundreds of very senior women and nearly all of them have told me how difficult it is for them to access top executive roles. The path to gender equality is opening up, but the struggle clearly continues—and that's why services like Female Executive Search are so necessary.”

The CEO of Female Executive Search and its parent company, CEO Worldwide, Patrick Mataix, says it's important the business is itself led by a woman:



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“At CEO Worldwide we’ve long believed in the value of diversity—our own board has a 2:1 female to male ratio—and we felt it was particularly important that Female Executive Search has strong female leadership at the helm. France is the natural choice—she has been instrumental in structuring and managing CEO Worldwide’s international talent sourcing team, but also holds a Post Masters Degree in Information and Communication Technologies as well as a PhD from the Sorbonne, and has spent time in very senior roles in some of the world’s largest companies, as well as running her own communications business for 13 years.

“We want the candidates who join us to work with a team that truly understands the challenges they’re facing, and businesses to see us as an example of an organisation benefitting from gender diversity.”

Visit [www.female-executive-search.com](http://www.female-executive-search.com) to register as a candidate, submit a mandate for a specific role or search a database of senior female executives.

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\*<https://www.forbes.com/best-executive-recruiting-firms/list/5/#tab:overall>

\*\*<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/business/news/business-ethnic-gender-diversity-performance-levels-better-study-workplace-office-mckinsey-a8166601.html>

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They are committed to: Fixed recruitment fees, payable on successful placement flexible contract terms – contract, interim or permanent, to suit each client, a selection of suitable candidates supplied to clients within 10 days and a 100%, 12-month replacement guarantee.

Since 2001, CEO Worldwide has gained a reputation for its ability to match candidates to urgent requirements, alongside its cross-border placement expertise. Its Investors on Demand service can also connect businesses with investment, when it is needed most. In 2018, CEO Worldwide was named in Forbes' list of the best 250 US executive recruitment firms. With more than 17,000 certified executives on its global iCEO™ database, including hundreds of female leaders, CEO Worldwide is uniquely placed to source the very best candidates for your executive position.