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PRESS RELEASE

Appointment of Professor Léon Laulusa as Dean of ESCP Business School



The Board of Directors of ESCP, meeting today, has unanimously decided to appoint Professor Léon Laulusa as Executive President and Dean of the school, a position he has held on an interim basis since February 28.

This appointment, effective as of June 1, follows an exemplary selection process conducted over the past few weeks which led to the recognition of Léon Laulusa as the most legitimate candidate to accompany the school in a new stage of its journey of excellence and to continue to develop its unique multi-campus, multicultural and multidisciplinary approach.

Léon Laulusa is a leading higher education professional and a tenured professor at ESCP since 2005, where he teaches financial accounting and management control. He holds the Habilitation to Supervise Research (HDR), a PhD in Management Sciences from Paris-Dauphine University and is a Certified Public Accountant. Of French nationality and Chinese-Laotian origin, Léon Laulusa began his career in international audit and consulting firms where he held several managerial and executive positions.

Since 2013, he has successively held the positions of ESCP's Deputy Academic Dean in charge of International Development, Dean for International Relations, and member of the Executive Committee (of which he has been a member since 2014), Dean for Academic Affairs and International Relations (since 2017), Executive Vice President in charge of Academic and International Affairs, and Executive Vice President since January 1, 2022, in charge of implementing the Choices & Experiences strategy. In January 2023, Léon Laulusa also took over the management of the school's Paris Campus as well as the supervision of the planned move to the Champerret site in September 2023 and the renovation of the historic premises at 79 avenue de la République in Paris.

Commenting on the announcement, **Philippe Houzé, Chairman of the Board of ESCP**, said: *"I would like to congratulate Prof. Léon Laulusa on this appointment, which is a recognition of the ambitious work he has already done for the school over the past several years. I am convinced that he has all the skills required to continue to enhance ESCP's reputation beyond its borders, as well as to advance the quality of its research and educate responsible future decision-makers who will have a positive impact on our planet, societies, and organisations."*

Léon Laulusa also stated, *"I am honoured by the confidence that the entire ESCP community has placed in me today and determined to continue the efforts undertaken to establish ESCP as the world's leading business school. Thanks to its six European campuses, academic excellence, and 180 professors and researchers, we offer a unique experience to our 9,300 students and 6000 executive participants and to support them throughout their professional lives."*

ABOUT ESCP BUSINESS SCHOOL

ESCP Business School was founded in 1819. The School has chosen to teach responsible leadership, open to the world and based on European multiculturalism. Six campuses in Berlin, London, Madrid, Paris, Turin and Warsaw are the stepping stones that allow students to experience this European approach to management.

Several generations of entrepreneurs and managers were thus trained in the firm belief that the business world may feed society in a positive way. This conviction and ESCP's values - excellence, singularity, creativity and plurality - daily guide our mission and build its pedagogical vision.

Every year, ESCP welcomes 9000+ students and 5000 managers from 130 different nationalities. Its strength lies in its many business training programmes, both general and specialised (Bachelor, Master, MBA, Executive MBA, PhD and Executive Education), all of which include a multi-campus experience.

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