

Pedersen & Partners' successfully executes leadership transition plan; Gary Williams becomes CEO of Pedersen & Partners, Poul Pedersen becomes Executive Chairman

July 1st, 2019 – Dubai, UAE – Pedersen & Partners, a leading international Executive Search firm with 57 wholly owned offices in 53 countries, announced that founder [Poul Pedersen](#), after over 18 years as Managing Partner, will be assuming the role of Executive Chairman. [Gary Williams](#), former Deputy Managing Partner, has been appointed CEO.

Few Executive Search firms can boast such rapid growth as Pedersen & Partners. Started by Poul Pedersen and a small team in Prague and Warsaw in 2001, the firm has grown to become a global Executive Search firm with 57 wholly owned offices in 53 countries and 400+ dedicated team members.

As CEO, Gary Williams will have full P&L responsibility and lead the firm. As Executive Chairman, Poul Pedersen will continue working full-time for Pedersen & Partners. He will lead the shareholders' agenda and be responsible for opening new countries. Additionally, he will focus on an interim basis on relevant existing offices that require significant change. Both Gary and Poul will continue doing client work.

Williams has over 17 years of Executive Search Consulting experience. He joined Pedersen & Partners in 2014 as the Head of South East Asia. He was later promoted to the Head of Asia, and in 2017 – to Deputy Managing Partner. For the past two years, Gary has shadowed Poul as part of a carefully mapped succession plan, gradually taking on responsibilities for different regions and teams.



"Since the inception of the firm in 2001 it has been an exciting journey and a privilege to lead Pedersen & Partners. My Partners and I are confident that our new CEO, Gary Williams, will lead the firm in accordance with our values of Trust-Relationship-Professionalism, and I have every belief in Gary's ability to take over and drive Pedersen & Partners to our next phase of development," – commented Poul Pedersen.



Gary Williams, CEO: "I am honoured to assume the CEO role and appreciate the confidence the shareholders have entrusted in me. I am motivated and excited to continue working with Pedersen & Partners' clients, extraordinary leaders and our global team. This firm is a values-driven organisation committed to providing an exceptional level of service worldwide and I look forward to further advancing our strategic goals."

"I also wish to extend my personal appreciation to Poul for his guidance and sharing his knowledge over the past years. I look forward to the next phase of our journey together," – added Gary Williams.

About Pedersen & Partners

Pedersen & Partners is a leading international Executive Search firm. We operate 57 wholly owned offices in 53 countries across Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia & the Americas. Our values Trust, Relationship and Professionalism apply to our interaction with clients as well as executives. More information about Pedersen & Partners is available at www.pedersenandpartners.com.

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