

# Laing O'Rourke welcomes new CEO-designate and Europe Hub MD

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This week has seen Seamus French formally welcomed as Europe Hub MD and CEO-designate at Laing O'Rourke.

**As reported**, Seamus was chosen to take up the responsibilities after Ray O'Rourke, founder, majority shareholder and group CEO, announced he would step down as group chief executive in September 2022.

Welcoming French to the company's head office in Dartford earlier this week, Ray O'Rourke said: "I am delighted to welcome Seamus to the business and look forward to working with him over the coming months to ensure a smooth CEO transition. He is a world-class executive, and his strong plc background and experience of leading international operations will help us continue to improve our performance and deliver long term growth."

French added: "It's an honour to have been appointed by the board to lead this business, and I cannot wait to get started. As a non-executive director, I've been hugely impressed by the Laing O'Rourke team, its technical and engineering expertise, strong order book and vision to transform construction and build safely and sustainably. We have exciting ambitions and great opportunities ahead of us, as we continue to

innovate and redefine how this vital industry delivers the buildings and infrastructure that people and communities need.”