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Mathieu Muzeau appointed Chief Executive Officer of Compagnie Maritime Nantaise to accelerate the company's growth

Compagnie Maritime Nantaise (MN), a subsidiary of the European Sogestran Group, announces the appointment of Mathieu Muzeau as Chief Executive Officer, effective September 1, 2026. A naval engineer with more than twenty years of international experience in transportation, logistics and port operations, he joins the company with a clear mandate: to support a new phase of growth and accelerate its development in strategic maritime markets.

Driving the next phase of growth for Compagnie Maritime Nantaise

With the appointment of Mathieu Muzeau as Chief Executive Officer, Compagnie Maritime Nantaise is entering a new phase in its development.

His appointment is part of the Sogestran Group's strategy to expand its maritime activities. The ambition is to further strengthen MN's position as a leading player in demanding, high value-added markets.

The company intends to accelerate its development in three priority sectors: European sovereignty and strategic activities; the space industry; and aeronautics.

These are markets where operational excellence, safety, reliability, and the ability to design tailored maritime solutions are key differentiating factors.

Marc-Antoine Girardet, President of the Group's Maritime Division, commented:

"Sogestran focuses on specialized markets supported by long-term contracts, where we bring genuine added value through our expertise and where we have the ambition to become a leading and indispensable player. Our objective is to achieve structured, selective and sustainable growth, fully aligned with the Sogestran Group's long-term development and sustainability strategy."

A dual operational and business mindset

Mathieu Muzeau’s career has been shaped by extensive experience in maritime operations, as well as in the development and transformation of international businesses.

A naval engineer and graduate of Centrale Marseille, he began his career with CMA CGM as a Superintendent. He joined Louis Dreyfus Armateurs in 2006, where he held a series of operational and leadership positions over the years. His career subsequently led him to serve as CEO of several Group companies based notably in Singapore and Dubai, before becoming Chief Executive Officer of Transport & Logistics, the Group’s transport and freight forwarding division.

Throughout these various responsibilities, he managed international operations, developed new markets, and led projects combining commercial, industrial, logistics, and operational challenges. This experience has given him a comprehensive understanding of the industry, ranging from vessel operations and management to the design of complex logistics solutions and the development of new business activities.

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Commercial development at the heart of the next phase of growth

Under Mathieu Muzeau's leadership, the company aims to identify new growth opportunities, expand strategic partnerships, consolidate its established positions, and strengthen its presence in markets where its expertise delivers high added value.

Energy transition at the heart of strategic thinking

The company's growth strategy will also be shaped by the transformation of the maritime transport industry. Decarbonisation and energy efficiency will be key strategic considerations in supporting the sustainable development of MN over the long term.

"Mathieu Muzeau joins Compagnie Maritime Nantaise at a pivotal time for the maritime industry. The growing importance of European sovereignty, the transformation of supply chains, the expansion of the space and aerospace sectors, and the energy transition are creating new needs and opening up significant opportunities for specialised maritime operators.

While safety and operational excellence remain at the core of its business model, the company now intends to make commercial development one of the key drivers of its next phase of growth, through a structured, long-term approach. Mathieu Muzeau's combination of operational expertise, international business development experience and strategic vision will help support this ambition."

Marc-Antoine Girardet, President of the Sogestran Group's Maritime Division

"I am proud to join Compagnie Maritime Nantaise, a company renowned for its expertise, the quality of its teams, and its ability to deliver some of the most demanding missions in maritime transport. My priority will be to build on these strong foundations to support the company's growth, strengthen its position in its historic markets, and seize new opportunities for development.

In an industry undergoing profound transformation, we will need to combine operational excellence, innovation, commercial development and adaptation to evolving environmental expectations in order to further strengthen Compagnie Maritime Nantaise's position as a leading maritime operator over the long term."

Mathieu Muzeau, Chief Executive Officer of Compagnie Maritime Nantaise

About Compagnie Maritime Nantaise

Compagnie Maritime Nantaise (MN) is a shipping company specialising in industrial transportation and niche operations, particularly the transportation of aerospace and defence equipment. Based in Nantes, France, MN operates a fleet comprising four roll-on/roll-off (RoRo) vessels and one research vessel deployed worldwide, as well as six passenger launches dedicated to the transportation of military personnel within Brest harbour.

MN is a subsidiary of Sogestran Group, a river and maritime transport operator specialising in the transportation and logistics of high value-added cargoes, as well as the operation of industrial service platforms. In 2025, the Group generated revenue of €370 million and employed more than 1,200 people across France and Europe.

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