
CMCE appoints Jim Foster as new Director

The Centre for Management Consulting Excellence is delighted to announce the appointment of Jim Foster as its new director starting from January 2024.

The news of the appointment was given by the outgoing Director, Nick Bush who took over the Centre's leadership in 2021. Bush said that 'as traditional consulting models adapt to the introduction of new AI-based technologies, I am looking forward to continuing to engage with the challenge of how to deliver excellence in consulting to clients and under Jim Foster's leadership, I am confident that we will continue to do so.'

Incoming Director, Jim Foster will certainly bring a different perspective and a wealth of knowledge thanks to his extensive experience as a management consultant, including 12 years as a Partner at PwC, based in London and New York. He is experienced in assisting organisations in a wide range of business sectors to implement system-enabled business change, and specialises in advising and supporting clients that are implementing Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) solutions.

Commenting on his appointment, Foster said that he is 'extremely pleased to have the opportunity to build on the excellent foundations established by CMCE's founder, Calvert Markham, and his successor, Nick Bush and to ensure continuity in delivering CMCE's mission to provide information from consultants and academics for the benefit of the consulting community, and also to look at opportunities to enhance the service that we provide. The work of the Centre will also continue to focus on building a dialogue with all its key stakeholder groups (practitioners, academics, and members of our parent organisation, the management consultants' livery company) as well as reach out to and engage with new relevant audiences via our newsletter, LinkedIn presence and our ever-expanding programme of events.'

Notes for editors

About the Centre of Management Consulting Excellence

The Centre for Management Consulting Excellence is a community that facilitates the development and sharing of research and experience in management consulting thinking and practice to help practitioners to be better able to serve client needs. Management consulting is a major business in the UK turning over about £9bn pa. The benefits that management consultants bring to their clients are a multiple of this and they have a major impact on UK productivity. Sharing know-how and commercialising research of value to the practice of consultancy is therefore vital, but there is only limited engagement between academics and among practitioners. As a result, the Centre aims, at identifying and sharing the most important new ideas for management consultants, thereby developing their performance to the benefit of their clients and the economy in general. The Centre provides a forum for practitioners to share the fruits of their experience and academics to share the results of their research. The Centre was established in 2017 by the Worshipful Company of Management

Consultants as a contribution to its own domain of interest and the Centre is currently run by volunteers drawn from the Company.

About the Worshipful Company of Management Consultants (WCoMC)

Change through Wisdom - Philanthropy, Education and Fellowship

Founded in 1992, the Worshipful Company of Management Consultants is a modern livery company. As a professional peer group, it contributes to the continuing success of the consultancy industry and, more widely, of the City of London. WCoMC is a Charitable Enterprise, incorporated by Royal Charter and an integral part of the network of the Civic City, the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London.

The Company has built up an enviable record in *Philanthropy*: helping and developing nonprofit organisations through probono Consultancy, Mentoring and a Charitable Fund. The Company contributes to and enhances the *Education* and professional development as well as the standing of management consultants. Members within the Company support, stimulate and learn from each other through *Fellowship* at formal and informal events.
