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Appointment – Medef International

Jean Bernadet, President of NGE, fourth-largest French construction group, appointed Chairman of the France–Paraguay and France–Uruguay Business Councils of Medef International.

Jean Bernadet, President of NGE, has been appointed to represent the France–Uruguay and France–Paraguay networks within Medef International, the branch of Medef dedicated to the international development of French companies.

This appointment also highlights NGE's presence in Latin America, particularly in Uruguay, where the Group, with Saceem — NGE subsidiary since 2025 and leading construction company in the country — delivered the Ferrocarril Central, a major rail infrastructure project for the country and its economy.
With more than 1,800 employees and € 250 million in revenue in 2025, Saceem also operates in Paraguay and Peru.

This role is part of the momentum driven by Medef International, which brings together French companies engaged internationally and fosters an active network of bilateral councils and economic partnerships worldwide.

In this capacity, the France–Uruguay and France–Paraguay networks play a key role in strengthening economic, industrial, and institutional ties between France and these two South American countries.

Drawing on his experience, his understanding of international challenges, and NGE's development in Latin America, Jean Bernadet will help promote the interests of French companies, foster economic exchanges, and support the development of sustainable partnerships with Uruguay and Paraguay.

This appointment reflects the commitment to strengthening the French presence in these two countries and to relying on committed representatives to keep bilateral networks active within Medef International.

About NGE: NGE – New Generations of Entrepreneurs – the fourth largest construction group in France, builds major infrastructures and urban or local projects. With its expertise in financing, design, construction maintenance and operations, the Group is a key player in delivering infrastructures that address the economic and ecological challenges of the territories. Its entrepreneurial drive is supported by a strong employee ownership structure (the founders, management, and employees hold 72% of the Group's capital) reinforced by Montefiore Investment, a leading French investment first (28% of the capital). With a turnover of 5 billion euros, NGE operates in about 20 countries, supporting private and public clients in financing, designing, and building their transition projects in water, mobility, urban renovation, energy, and telecommunications. NGE's 25,000 employees are proud to contribute to building infrastructures that change the world.

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