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Kering adds new leadership to board as vice-chair exits

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Gucci is one of Kering's fashion brands. Image credit: Gucci

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French fashion conglomerate Kering's longtime board member Patricia Barbizet is exiting her position.

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Filling the vacant board position will be Hlose Temple-Boyer, the current deputy CEO of *Artmis*, the holding company owned by Kering chairman and CEO Francois-Henri Pinault. In her new role, Ms. Temple-Boyer will act as the representative for Financiere Pinault.

Board update

Vice-chair of Kering's board since 2005, Ms. Barbizet joined the Pinault Group in 1989.

Ms. Barbizet was previously CEO of *Artmis* from 1992, but stepped down in 2017. She also previously served as *Christie's* CEO for two years, ending her tenure Jan. 1, 2017.

"I would like to thank Patricia Barbizet for her immense contribution, during her many years on the Board, to Kering's growth and transformation into a global luxury group," Mr. Pinault said in a statement.

As Ms. Barbizet resigns from Kering's board, Ms. Temple-Boyer will take her place. The executive has been with *Artmis* since 2013, when she joined as investment director.



Alexander McQueen campaign. Image credit: Alexander McQueen

Her previous experience includes project manager to the president and director of international purchasing at Groupe Casino, as well as five years at Rothschild & Cie working as an associate in its mergers and acquisitions team.

Ms. Barbizet's resignation and Ms. Temple-Boyer's succession leaves Kering's number of female board members in tact.

In recent years, Kering has pushed to add more female leadership to its executive board, nominating three candidates in 2016. In 2011, France put out an edict to companies, giving them six years to make their boards consist of 40 percent females.

Kering's aim at placing women in leadership roles is group-wide, with females making up 51 percent of management ([see story](#)).

In November, Kering won the Most Feminine Board of Directors Award from European Women on Boards (EWoB) and Ethics & Boards. About two-thirds of its board of directors are female.

Kering has seen other changes in its board recently, as Laurence Boone exited her position. In her place, the board nominated film producer Ginevra Elkann, whose appointment will be decided at a shareholder meeting next year.