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## **Léa Coulet Appointed MNI Executive Director**



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Léa Coulet has been appointed the first Executive Director of The Medical Nutrition International Industry (MNI). Coulet brings to the MNI more than decade of experience in public affairs, specifically in the health prevention, health technology, global health and pharmaceutical sectors. She is a French citizen who has been based in Brussels since 2003.

The Brussels-based MNI was established in 2005 with the aim of optimising patient outcomes as they relate to nutritional interventions. One of its key goals is ensuring that patients who need such intervention have access to it, across care settings. Its members include Abbott Nutrition, Baxter, B.Braun, Fresenius Kabi, Nestlé Health Science, and Nutricia. MNI's President, Michel Gardet, who is also the Head of Nestlé Health Science's Medical Nutrition Business, described Coulet's appointment.

"Léa Coulet has joined us at a crucial time as we take forward our activities to ensure that medical nutrition is better recognised as a key enabler to deliver health benefits and health economic value," said Gardet.

Coulet assumes her new role following five years as a public affairs manager at COCIR, where she was responsible for eHealth initiatives. COCIR is the trade association for the medical technology industry, where she built her skills in trade association management. MNI is the trade association for "companies providing products and services that support patient management and rehabilitation by the appropriate use of specialised nutritional solutions, including both parenteral and enteral nutrition," according to its website.

"Medical nutrition is a dynamic and innovative sector in healthcare and is gaining recognition for its growing role in addressing a wide spectrum of healthcare challenges," said Coulet. "Currently, we are engaged in strategic initiatives arising in Europe, Asia and Latin America and I am committed to ensure our industry has a clear and convincing voice in tune with our growing contribution to health."

Coulet holds a bachelors degree in political sciences and a masters degree in international trade from the

Sorbonne University in Paris.

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