

Patrick de Castelbajac

Head of Airbus Strategy and International



Patrick de Castelbajac began his career in the aeronautical industry at MBDA (at that time called Aerospatiale Missile), in 1997, before spending three years with Baker & McKenzie.

Driven by a long-lasting passion for the aeronautical industry Patrick de Castelbajac joined Airbus in 2002. After an initial period working on purchase contracts, mainly for equipment and systems as well as managing corporate and litigation major files, he was appointed Vice-President Legal Affairs for Purchasing and Intellectual Property. As such, he was involved in the negotiations with all key Airbus suppliers for the development of the various Airbus programs.

At the end of 2010, Patrick de Castelbajac joined the Commercial Division of Airbus and was appointed Vice-President Contract, Head of Negotiations for the sales of commercial aircraft. He was moreover Deputy Contracts Director, a position that encompasses functions ranging from commercial planning, quotations, customization and deliveries to contract administration.

In June 2014 he was appointed Chief Executive Officer of ATR, where he carried on a major reorganization of the company while achieving two years in a row records deliveries and results and extending the customer base of ATR.

In December 2016, in the frame of the Airbus reorganization, Patrick de Castelbajac came back to Airbus as member of the Executive Committee, becoming Corporate Secretary (of Airbus Commercial Aircraft) and Executive Vice-President Strategy (of Airbus).

In April 2017, he became Head of Airbus Strategy and International.

Patrick de Castelbajac was born in Paris in 1971 and has dual French and Irish origins. He studied law in France, in the United Kingdom and in the United States of America. He has a DESS (advanced post-graduate diploma) in Business and Tax Law from the University of Bordeaux, and a DEA (advanced post-graduate diploma) in Comparative Law from the Sorbonne University and Paris II Assas. He is a qualified attorney (CAPA) with the Paris Bar.

He is married and has three children.