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Maria Laine is president of Boeing in the United Kingdom, Ireland and the Nordic region. In this role, Laine leads and oversees all of Boeing's business activities in these countries, working from the Boeing UK office in Central London. Laine's focus is to grow the company's local presence and business in the region.

Laine has three decades of global experience at Boeing, including working in many of Boeing's key European markets, along with Asia, Australia and the United States.

Most recently, Laine was vice president, International Business Development, for Boeing's Defense, Space & Security and Global Services business units. In this role, Laine led global business development and industrial partnerships for Boeing's defense, space and government services portfolios.

Previously, Laine was vice president of International Strategic Partnerships where her team developed and implemented BDS industrial participation programs in support of international campaigns, built alliances and partnerships to enable future growth in existing and new markets.

Prior to that, Laine served as vice president of Boeing Northern Europe based in Amsterdam, where she expanded business growth and the company's presence in the region, strengthened industrial and technology partnerships and implemented corporate projects of strategic importance. She also served as the managing director of Boeing Netherlands, B.V. in addition to being on the board of directors of Boeing's key entities in the region.

Prior to her career at Boeing spanning a variety of different roles, Laine also worked at the U.S. Department of Commerce International Trade Administration on the Nordic desks, as well as at the US Embassy in Helsinki in the Commercial section.

Laine has also served on the Board of Directors and leadership committees of a number of not-for-profit organisations and trade associations. Laine served as the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Global Industrial Collaboration Association (GICA), Chair of the Offsets Working Group of the US Aerospace Industries Association (AIA), as well as on the Board of Directors of the American Chamber of Commerce in Denmark. More recently she has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Whitehall & Industry Group (WIG), as well as to the International Advisory Board of British-American Business (BAB), both based in London.

Laine has an MBA from the Thunderbird School of Global Management and a bachelor's degree in political science and international relations from the University of California Santa Barbara. Laine was born in Finland, spent her childhood in Sweden and moved to the United States in 1975, after which she has moved back and forth across the Atlantic numerous times. Her native languages include Finnish, Swedish and English, and she is also proficient in French and Spanish. She is married and has two daughters.

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