

## **Christopher K. Wood**

General Manager, The Estée Lauder Companies, Korea (ELCA Korea) & Senior Vice President, APAC Value Realization, The Estée Lauder Companies

Christopher Wood is a General Manager at The Estée Lauder Companies Korea from December 2013. He has over 10 years of experience in Korea including his current as well as previous positions as the General Manager of The Estée Lauder Companies, Korea. In addition to the role of General Manager of the Korea affiliate, Mr. Wood also serves as the Senior Vice President of APAC SMI Value Realization of The Estée Lauder Companies. Mr. Wood leads to realize SMI values and to lead innovation in Korea as well as the APAC region through his deep international leadership and experience in Korea.

Mr. Wood is a truly international executive and beauty industry veteran with the 30 years of experiences in the prestige cosmetics. As a global leader, he has worked in different parts of the world including North America (The US, Canada), Europe (France, Norway, Italy, Germany) and Asia (Korea, Japan). Born in New York of Canadian parents, he holds Canadian, American and Irish citizenship. As the son of a Canadian diplomat, Mr. Wood lived in many countries in Europe and the Middle East. Christopher is conversant French, German, Italian, Spanish, Korean, Japanese and Norwegian.

His professional experience encompasses records of accomplishment in Europe, North America and in Asia. Mr. Wood joined The Estée Lauder Companies in 1993, and has held positions of increasing responsibility: Executive Director, Field Marketing Europe of Estée Lauder; Brand Manager, Clinique in Germany; Regional Vice President of Clinique in Canada; General Manager of ELCA Korea (the Korean affiliate of The Estée Lauder Companies) which position he has held 3 times now and, in his most recent experience in New York, Mr. Wood led the global Strategic Modernization Initiative, effectively transitioning the global company to the SAP platform while ensuring the correct organization re-designs and process adoption. He has, during his career, built and has effectively run both simple and complex organizations.

He attended undergraduate programs at the University of Western Ontario (Canada) and graduated summa cum laude with a law degree in 1984. Mr. Wood was called to the Ontario Bar in 1986, and briefly practiced in Ottawa (Canada) before moving to France to complete a Masters of Business Administration at I.N.S.E.A.D. in Fontainebleau.