How did you join the Supply Chain arena?

During my time at business school in France, the internship where I had the most fun was working in logistics for Norbert Dentressangle in the UK (now XPO). The pace fascinated me – so much so that I ended up staying with the company for four years. I got my first lessons on the need to be adaptable and quick.

Then, I moved back to France – not only changing countries and companies, but also industries. I joined Cadbury France in the Customer Service and Logistics department, dealing with various plants in Europe, for chocolate, gum and candy products.

What is great about a career in supply chain management is the variety. I was managing a great portfolio and had the chance to experience several more parts of supply chain — from production to planning. And here I found my passion for project management.

In 2011, my family and I had the great opportunity to relocate to Zurich, European Headquarter. I was leading a team across Europe responsible for development and new product launches. This was a time to be stretched outside of my comfort zone – both with the challenge of managing a remote team, but also for my husband, two young children and I to live somewhere where we didn't speak the language.

Today, I am still a very enthusiastic project manager, having the chance to continue my adventure at Mondelez international, through European and Global roles, handling various type of projects from innovation to strategic transformation.

Which statement motivates or inspires you?

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow and learn as if you were to live forever" – Mahatma Gandhi





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What are you passionate about in SC?

Supply chain is an incredibly dynamic field, that literally provides new challenges every single day.

It is at the heart of each company and is a function where you can only be successful with strong collaboration — with product management, sales, marketing, manufacturing... We're a vital part of the value chain to ensure customers and consumers get what they want when they want it.

The career path is very diverse, in term of the choice of roles. And with the same role you could have a completely different experience in another sector – from Easter eggs to transport in my case...

I would thoroughly recommend a career in supply chain - you get to learn, discover and grow continuously.

