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Jean-François was appointed Country Manager of The Walt Disney Company (TWDC) France in September 2009 and in November 2012, he became dual Country Manager for both TWDC France and TWDC Benelux, in 2016 added Maghreb and French Speaking Africa to his remit.

In 2008, Jean-François created Disneynature and became General Manager and Executive Vice President for the film label, dedicated to producing wildlife films for cinemas. Disneynature oversees the initiation, development and acquisition of high quality nature features. Content and recent releases Jean-François has worked on include *Oceans* (2010), *African Cats* (2011) and *Chimpanzee* (2012) *Bears* (2014) and *Monkey Kingdom* (2015).

In 2006, Jean-François received Le Film Français' (France's leading film magazine) 'Man of the Year' award.

Jean-François began his career in 1988 at Grey, the advertising agency, which handled the marketing for Warner Bros. productions and managed the distribution of Disney movies in France. In 1990, he moved to Los Angeles to become Media Manager at Buena Vista International (BVI). In this role, he helped create the Buena Vista European offices in Paris, for which he became Advertising Manager

In 1992, Jean-François became the Marketing Director for the newly formed Gaumont Buena Vista (GBV). Under his leadership, GBV opened its own French office in 2004, for which he became Senior Vice President and General Manager.

As head of GBV France, Jean-François developed local co-productions and acquisitions including *The March of The Penguins* (2005), which became the most successful French film ever screened in the US, having achieved \$77 million at the US box office and \$130 million globally and also won the Academy Award for Best Documentary (2006); *The Fox and The Child* (2007), which reached \$21 million at the French box office and *The First Cry* (2007), which was nominated for Best Documentary at the French Academy Awards.

Jean-François a graduate of ESCM Management School in France.