

CNN International Commercial continues expansion with new global multi-platform roles

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CNN International Commercial (CNNIC) has hired digital advertising and strategy experts from BuzzFeed and Box Plus as it continues to increase its multi-platform capabilities for advertising partners.

Brandon Keenen joins as Senior Digital Commercial Director. Formerly a Senior Director at BuzzFeed Europe and with stints at AOL and Gigya, Keenen brings a wealth of media experience spanning 15 years in sales, management and tech roles. In this newly-created position at CNNIC, Keenen leads a global team of Digital Directors working closely with CNN's advertising teams to create cross-platform campaigns for a wide range of brands and agency clients. Keenen is also tasked with growing CNN's client base of digitally-focused advertisers, identifying and building new revenue opportunities beyond traditional advertising models, and leading digital-first go-to-market strategies.

Pippa Scaife also joins CNNIC in another new role as Commercial Director focusing on growing brand partnerships for Great Big Story, the independent global media company dedicated to cinematic storytelling, which recently received a \$40m second round investment from CNN to launch an always-on network in late 2018. She will also lead CNNIC's commercial strategy around the emerging CNN business Beme News, the technology and media company driven by YouTube personality Casey Neistat. Scaife works with Keenen, CNNIC's Digital Directors and global advertising sales teams to develop brand solutions, building on successful partnerships such as All Nippon Airways, Genesis, Dubai Tourism and Korean Air. Scaife was previously Head of Business Development at Box Plus, the UK's largest music TV network, and previously held roles at SonyPlaystation and Spotify.



Both Keenen and Scaife are based in London and report to Rob Bradley, Vice President, Digital Commercial Strategy, at CNN International Commercial. They will work closely on digital and multi-platform initiatives with CNNIC's senior advertising leadership team of Sunita Rajan, Senior Vice President, Advertising Sales APAC, Petra Malenicka, Senior Vice President Advertising Sales, Western Europe and the Americas, and Cathy Ibal, Regional Advertising Sales.

"These appointments are part of a wide-reaching transformation across CNN International Commercial as we focus on doubling our digital business while continuing to lead the traditional pan-regional TV advertising market," said **Rani Raad**, President, CNN International Commercial. "Brandon and Pippa will play an important role in achieving this by working with our global ad sales teams to ensure that clients benefit from our combined offering of rich data and targeting through digital and our brand-building scale across TV. We are already seeing huge growth in digital-first campaigns and three quarters of all advertising now spans TV, digital and social. I only expect this to grow as we add more firepower to our offering."

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About CNN International Commercial

CNN Commercial (CNNIC) is responsible for CNN's intercontinental commercial operations, spanning a diverse multiplatform portfolio across five continents. Its strategy is to grow CNN's dominance in the pan-regional TV market while accelerating growth through digital and data capabilities. This includes monetising and growing linear and digital news brands such as CNN International, CNN en Español, CNN Arabic, Great Big Story, CNN Style and CNN Money, and a number of other verticals and local properties. CNN Commercial delivers best-in-class, award-winning cross-platform ad sales, brand and marketing solutions underpinned by advanced digital expertise and data insight. It operates a Content Sales and Licensing business called CNN Access, which offers a suite of consultancy, content and CNN-branded initiatives around the globe as well as establishing strategic partnerships to serve new audiences. The organisation's branded content studio, Create, has been producing award-winning multiplatform content for clients for over ten years. CNN Commercial is part of Turner, a Time Warner company. For more information, visit <http://commercial.cnn.com>