



Experian Africa Announces CEO Transition

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Experian Africa has announced a leadership transition as Ferdie Pieterse concludes his tenure as Chief Executive Officer after six years with the organisation.

Ferdie will be leaving Experian at the end of March. Since joining shortly after the Compuscan acquisition, Ferdie has been instrumental in shaping the combined business. Under his leadership, we successfully integrated the two organisations, consolidated the bureau platforms, and accelerated innovation across our product portfolio. His contribution has meaningfully strengthened our business, and we extend our sincere appreciation and best wishes for his continued success.

"I want to personally thank Ferdie for his leadership during a transformative period for our business," said Mariana Pinheiro, Regional CEO of Experian EMEA & Asia Pacific. "Having achieved what he set out to do, Ferdie is now ready for his next challenge and is handing over to a new era of leadership. We wish him every success."

Thabo Hermanus appointed as new CEO

Thabo Hermanus, currently Chief Credit & Bureau Services Officer, will succeed Ferdie as CEO effective April 1, 2026.

Thabo has been instrumental in modernising the South Africa Business Information platform. He brings extensive credit industry experience, having previously served as Managing Director for Compuscan South Africa and held senior roles at Standard Bank and as co-founder of Nimble Collection Services.

"Thabo's appointment brings strong leadership continuity, deep market expertise, and a growth-oriented vision," said Pinheiro. "We are confident that under his leadership, Experian Africa will continue to advance its partnerships, deepen data and analytics capabilities, and deliver exceptional solutions for our clients."

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