



Millar Cameron is an executive and professional search consultancy specialising in sourcing key talent for companies and organisations around the world.

Since Millar Cameron's inception in 2007, we have been sourcing high calibre leaders and executives for a wide range of businesses and institutions across Africa. Our passion lies in attracting, developing and retaining top talent in Africa's emerging markets, where incisive leadership is crucial. Our palpable commitment to Africa has led to recognition as one of the leading providers of executive and professional search solutions within the continent.

Millar Cameron has successfully concluded executive searches in 41 African countries

# MILLAR CAMERON AND FOOD & AGRICULTURE

We have an outstanding track record of supporting businesses within food and agriculture, particularly in Africa, as well as the Middle East, South East Asia and the Americas.

We have supported a range of farming businesses, from early stage and private equity backed enterprises to listed multinational agribusinesses. We have a deep understanding of the different personal traits and professional expertise required depending on the size and growth trajectory of the business.

We have extensive experience and vast networks across multiple sub-sectors of food and agriculture, including across primary agriculture, such as crop production (row crops, high value crops, plantations, orchards, hydroponic) and protein production (poultry, pork, beef, dairy). We also support a number of clients in secondary production processing plants within edible oils, meat processing, bottling and canning.

Our expertise and methodology allow us to effectively search for roles across the businesses that we partner with, including executive leadership positions (CEO, CFO, General Managers, etc.), hands-on production roles (Farm Managers, Factory Heads), as well as back office roles (Finance Directors, IT Project Managers, etc.)



Democratic Republic **Tunisia** Sudan A HISTORY OF of the Congo Director of Operations General Manager Horticulture business Agricultural equipment dealership CONTINUED Head of Farming Palm oil Cotton and ground nuts General Manager SUCCESS Rubber **Country Director** Cereal farming We have an excellent track record in sourcing leaders for clients working across a wide variety Ethiopia of topics related to food and agriculture. Operations Director Horticulture export business Senegal Kenya Head of Engineering /Farm Manager Horticulture business Vegetables high value crop farming Farm Manager Horticulture business IT Project Manager ERP implementation General Manager Sierra Leone International FMCG business Head of Manufacturing -Tanzania Fruit processing Non-Executive Director Head of Commercial Edible oil sales and marketing Forestry Head of Finance Finance transformation for a FMCG operation Ivory Coast Nigeria **Chief Agronomist** General Manager Malawi Tropical fruit Vegetable production **Head of Operations** Finance Director Peanut manufacturing project Tree crops Head of Farming Large scale row crops farm for a Ghana multinational Head of Commercial Cameroon Expanding markets for a new FMCG business -Mozambique Human Resources Director Managing Director Financial Controller Rubber processing Tropical fruit Heading up a local finance division Head Brewer Zambia Digital Manager Setting up a brewery from scratch and Developing ag-tech within an IT division running its operations **Project Director** Angola Overseeing the development of Non-Executive Director multiple farming entities Forestry Head of Harvesting Chief Executive Officer Agro forestry Major protein producer



Millar Cameron has been specialising in the food and agriculture industry for over ten years and it remains one of our key offerings today. Whilst our expertise historically lies in the African continent, we have since leveraged our success in Africa to expand to other emerging markets in Asia and the Americas. Over 50 percent of the African population works in this critical industry, and, paired with rapidly increasing populations across the continent, the food and agriculture industry continues to play an increasingly vital role in achieving both economic and food security.

The success of food and agriculture fluctuates greatly across markets, with geography and subsectors both playing influential roles in the challenges and solutions present. We have seen a significant increase in demand for high value export crops, for example nuts and tropical fruits, with businesses seeking farming professionals with experience spanning multiple crop types, in order to catalyse efficient growth. Our experienced food and agriculture team has developed a nuanced understanding of the types of skilled individuals that are able to adapt to multiple operational styles and we provide clients with detailed strategies for prioritising the most sought-after skillsets.

With the ever-growing use of technology to increase yields in order to meet increasing food demands, we are witnessing a gradual shift in emerging markets to new production models that capitalise on more accurate and efficient farming methods. Technological

benefits of more accurate output forecasts are assisting efforts to tackle food insecurity in countries where this threat remains high. With these changes, our clients' talent requirements are also adapting; the demand for a strong understanding of new technologies and how best to manage the transition to working with them from many of the businesses that we work with has led to Millar Cameron developing a comprehensive database of such individuals.

Millar Cameron is eager to assist in developing local talent in the markets that we work in, and we have been delighted to see a vast uptick in demand for local hires at the mid-to-senior management level across a range of food and agriculture subsectors. In some areas, there exists a lack of local talent capacity, however,

we are expertly positioned to advise our clients on inclusive strategies that aim to successfully develop future generations of leaders within the local market.

We recognise that the food and agriculture landscape across emerging markets is constantly evolving, bringing new challenges and developments with it. Millar Cameron is committed to furthering the prosperity and success of the food and agriculture businesses that we partner with, by utilising our deep industry expertise and extensive networks.



Our clients are considered our partners and a key element of our approach to each recruitment mandate is to take the time to gain a detailed understanding of your specific requirements, in order to develop a bespoke search strategy that is tailored to your recruitment brief. Having developed an in-depth knowledge of the wide-ranging issues pertaining to food and agriculture, from hurdles to achieving food security to implementing new, cutting-edge farming techniques in underdeveloped countries, we have the talent network required to overcome these challenges. As such, Millar Cameron is expertly positioned to advise on matters such as diversity and inclusion goals, talent capacity and compensation in the food and agriculture industry.



Our executive search strategy follows a five-step approach that is tailored to your organisation's requirements:

### Define

We discuss all aspects of the role with you, including the capabilities, background, culture and competencies of the desired professional. This allows us to determine the search priorities and parameters, and the criteria against which candidates will be measured.

### Develop

We work with you to develop a bespoke outreach strategy that covers specific companies, industries and geographies that you want to target. We employ a combination of search methods, including research, direct headhunting, referrals and our established networks to identify a comprehensive longlist.

### Engage

We conduct competency-based interviews that are tailored to the role to thoroughly assess each candidate's fit against your requirements. We ensure that all aspects discussed during the define stage are covered during interviews, before collating the shortlist.

#### Present

We present you with a pack comprising of a personal profile, interview notes, compensation information, and a detailed curriculum vitae, for each candidate that is shortlisted. We discuss reasons for shortlisting candidates with you and remain involved throughout the selection process, preparing and debriefing candidates after each step.

#### Close

We conduct detailed reference reports on the selected candidate, and we can also provide background checks and psychometric testing, where necessary. We support you throughout the negotiation process to ensure a successful outcome.

# WE LEAD FROM THE FRONT

Our team is passionate about identifying the individuals whose expertise and experience will enable your business to maximise its growth, presence, and quality of food and agricultural outputs in the exciting landscape of Africa. Our detailed market knowledge and established regional networks allow us to add value to your search.

Through the importance we consistently place on finding the right people, our passion for the sector, and the persistence we demonstrate during searches, Millar Cameron is the ideal partner to enable you to achieve your recruitment objectives.



Tom Jeffes, Senior Partner

"The opportunity to support many of the continent's leading food & agricultural companies is a real privilege. As a sector it is uniquely positioned to help with the social and economic development across rural communities as well as providing a fundamental requirement, food. By ensuring there are high performing executives and leaders we are able to contribute in a small way to this important sector."



Marc Abrahamson, Senior Consultant



Marie Brodefeld, Senior Consultant

"It is a real privilege to contribute towards the development and sustainability of food & agriculture across Africa and further afield. Having grown up around agriculture, I have a passion for the sector and have seen the positive impact that it can have. It is exciting to see the sector continue to grow and with the right people driving this, the opportunities are endless."

"I'm fascinated each day by the potential and the wealth that Africa has, especially in agriculture. The challenges are as high as the goals, and it is imperative at a professional and personal level to find the right person that can support our clients in the development of their projects. I am very grateful to be part of an environment that gives me the chance to learn and grow by interacting with individuals from various backgrounds, that bring with them inspiring stories and a strong motivation to embrace new opportunities."

# ADDITIONAL SOLUTIONS



### Board Services

Since our inception in 2007, we have partnered with many leading organisations in African countries. Our extensive network of board professionals allows us to engage with individuals whose experience is specialist and highly sought after, bringing fresh insights, complementary skills and diverse experience to your top table.

### Succession Planning

Forward planning is vital. We enable you to prepare for the future by identifying the existing senior leaders with the most potential within your organisation, as well as keeping our finger on the pulse of changes in the market that might determine leadership succession.

### Talent Mapping

We offer a talent mapping service to assist you in identifying the development potential of individuals within your organisation. Where talent gaps are identified, we partner with you to develop a strategy that both attracts and retains talented professionals. We also undertake salary benchmarking activities for key roles in your organisation to ensure a competitive remuneration package for employees.

## Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

We are committed to representing and advocating the best talent, irrespective of race, gender, disability, or sexual orientation. We work closely with our clients to formulate non-discriminatory role descriptions and search strategies that utilise multifaceted channels, in order to attract top talent from the widest possible pool of candidates.

#### Our Other Sectors

We have dedicated sector teams with the practical experience, insights and connections needed to deliver outstanding executive search and recruitment solutions in other highly successful and growing sectors that are fuelling Africa's economies.

These include:

- Technology, Media and Telecomms
- Power and Infrastructure
- Financial and Professional Services
- Consumer
- Private Equity
- Industrial
- International Development



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