

## M.W.L. (Merel) van Vroonhoven (1968)



Merel van Vroonhoven took up the position of Chairman of the Executive Board of the AFM on the 1st of April, 2014. As a member of the Board, she is responsible for General Counsel, the Internal Audit service and the departments of Strategy, Policy and International Affairs and Communications.

From 2009 until the 1st of April, Van Vroonhoven was a member of the Executive Board of Nederlandse Spoorwegen (Dutch Railways), where she gained significant experience with working in public/private environments. Prior to her employment with NS, she fulfilled various positions with the bank and insurance company ING, both in the Netherlands and abroad.

Until 2007, Merel van Vroonhoven was the director of the collective pension operations of the insurance company Nationale Nederlanden, after which she joined ING Investment Management Europe. There, as a member of the Management Committee, she was responsible for the insurance portfolio and fiduciary asset management, among other things.

Van Vroonhoven strives for diversity within organisations. This stems from her belief that the strength of a business (and society) lies in the fact that every person is unique and different, and that it is the differences that make organisations stronger.

In 2012, Merel van Vroonhoven was elected the top executive woman of the year in the Netherlands. Van Vroonhoven studied Geophysics at the Delft University of Technology (1993) and obtained her MBA degree, with honours, from INSEAD, in Fontainebleau (2000).

Merel van Vroonhoven is the mother of two children.