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News in brief

Professor Steef van de Velde was appointed dean of Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University, last month. He steps into the post having served briefly as interim dean after the emeritus dean George Yip retired this summer. A professor of operations management and technology, van de Velde has spent most of his working life in academia. "We want our students to be integrated, participatory and open minded - people who can generate prosperity and who will take up their roles in the building of a more sustainable future," he says.