# Support for NZ business leaders in volatile economy

NZ business leaders work together to grow business

First female presidentof the Auckland YMCA, executive mentor Katheren Leitner, isbringing together New Zealand SME business leaders who want to work together togrow their businesses by accelerating progress, setting bigger goals andachieving results faster.

Katheren is part of peermentoring and coaching membership organisationThe Executive Connection (TEC), whichprovides a confidential forum for vibrant business leaders to gain the supportneeded to give their business the edge in a competitive market.

Its incredibly important to besurrounded by people who are committed to achieving results, says Katheren. Ihope to bring together leaders who are energised to grow strong and responsiblebusinesses that generate high returns for all stakeholders.

New Zealand is in desperate need ofbusinesses that are growing and establishing long-term sustainable success,particularly in the current volatile economy.

Members of Katherensgroup will participate in ongoing peer think-tanks, one-to-one businesscoaching sessions and regular speaker workshops to harness the knowledge andexperience of their TEC group tooutperform their competitors.
TEC provides the skills, the environment and the opportunity for its 1250 CEOSand leaders of small and medium-size enterprises to leverage their own skillsand build their confidence.Thisfully integrated, ongoing coaching and mentoringprogramallows you to step outside of your business oncea month to collaborate with like-minded people who understand the challenges anddemands of owning a business, says Katheren.
For the last 10years, Katheren has been working with a wide variety of clients across alllevels of business and from a range of industries.She has 20 yearsexperience in sales, people development and business growth, and a uniqueability to balance commercial reality with humanistic demands.

Katheren is also thedirector of the performance improvement company Training Plus, as well as amember of the International Coaching Federation and the Worldwide Associationof Business Coaches. She has also been a regular facilitator and coach in thegovernment funded Biz Training program, which supports the development andgrowth of small to medium businesses.

Katheren is hosting abreakfast for New Zealand chief executives onThursday, 25 August 2011at iconic Gothic House Highwic in Auckland. Guests will have the opportunity to networkwith like-minded leaders and directly experience the benefits members receivefrom a TEC group meeting. Limited places are still available, so pleaseemail TECto reserve your place.

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