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Laure Pallez currently serves as Deputy Economic Counselor within the Department of Treasury and Economic Affairs at the Embassy of France in Washington DC. Here she provides leadership on matters related to foreign investment in France, in addition to advising the French government on best practices.

Laure's career started at Societe Generale, a major French bank, where she worked in international banking and financial services based both in Hong Kong and in Paris. She then spent a decade in China where she served first as CFO of a French-invested start-up, before then going on to represent the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a director within the Institut Pasteur of Shanghai - China Academy of Sciences, a Sino-French joint venture project focusing on innovation in the field of biological research.

Laure holds degrees in finance from Paris Dauphine University and from HEC Paris, as well as degree in Chinese and American Studies from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). She also completed coursework in Chinese language studies at Nanjing University.

Laure is a third generation public servant with strong convictions about benefitting the public good and serving others. Laure's interests lie in innovation and politics. She currently lives in Maryland with her spouse and two children.