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Gary Coombe leads P&G's global grooming business, including the biggest shaving brands in the world—Gillette, Venus, Braun and King C Gillette—serving nearly 800 million consumers around the world.

Gary also serves as Executive Sponsor of Corporate Wellbeing at P&G, leading Company-wide efforts to create an environment where all P&G employees are empowered to be at their best every day and deliver on their high impact professional and personal priorities.

Since joining P&G in 1986 as a sales representative in the U.K., Gary has been at the heart of the consumer goods industry, working on some of P&G's most recognizable and successful brands, including regional and global leadership roles in two of P&G's biggest categories: Fabric Care and Home Care. Gary was also responsible for global innovation and new business development on P&G's Fabric and Air Care businesses, leading the creation of the Tide Dry Cleaners franchise, growing Febreze to billion-dollar-brand status and leading

the acquisition of Ambi Pur. Appointed President of Europe in 2014, Gary was responsible for one-third of P&G's global workforce and a quarter of total company sales and profit.

Gary is passionate about coaching the next generation of leaders in and outside of P&G. He is a strong advocate of servant leadership and dedicates much of his time to leadership training and guest-lecturing at universities. He is an active champion for diversity and inclusion, recognized in 2018 on Management Today's Agents of Change Power List.