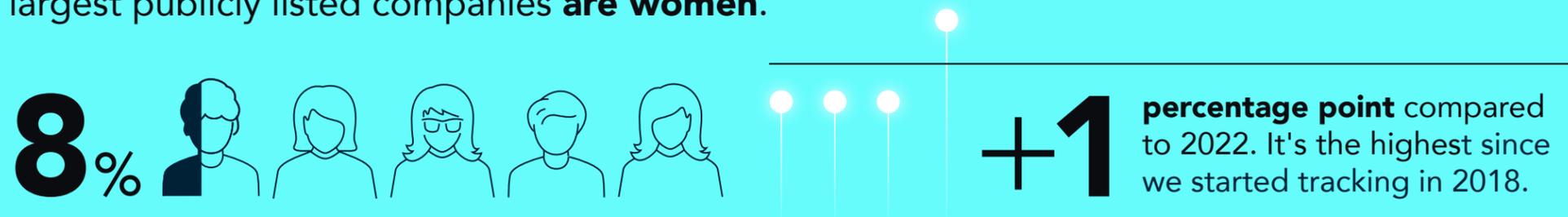


Where are the women CEOs?

The progress of women to the top role in the world's largest publicly listed companies has been slow since the appointment of the first woman CEO of a Fortune 500 company, in 1963. After six decades, there are still only 8% around the world.

Only 8% of CEOs leading some of the worlds' largest publicly listed companies **are women.**



There are significant differences among markets...

Countries with the **highest %** of women CEOs



Australia and New Zealand



Sweden



Singapore, Denmark, Norway

Countries with the **lowest %** of women CEOs



Saudi Arabia: **0%**

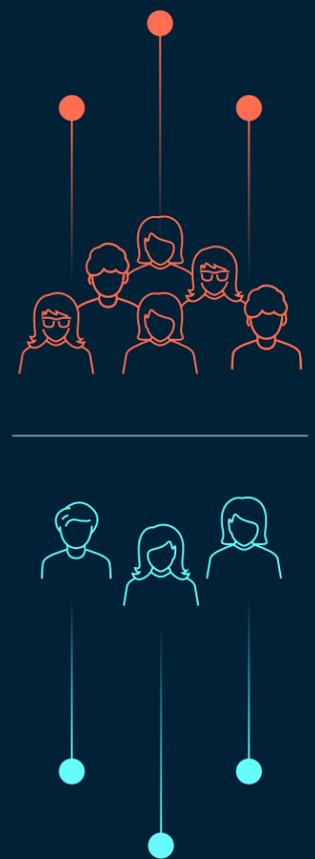
Canada, Switzerland, Mexico: **2%**

...and similar gaps among sectors

Sectors with the **highest %** of women CEOs



Sectors with the **lowest %** of women CEOs



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