

Press release

Appointments

Omnes Capital strengthens its organisation to support growth in its businesses lines

Omnes Capital, a leading player in private equity investment owned by its employees, is strengthening its organisation and making adjustments to its governance arrangements to prepare for a new stage in its development.

- **Benjamin Arm** has been named Head of the Buyout & Growth Capital business, for which Fabien Prévost previously had direct responsibility.

This business encompasses the 12 investors in the Small cap and Mid cap Buyout & Growth Capital and Mezzanine teams. With €540 million under management and two funds currently being raised, they support SMEs with an enterprise value of less than €150 million with their expansion and buyout plans.

- **Michel de Lempdes** has been named Head of the Venture Capital business, with the backing of Alexia Perouse, who is in charge of the Life Sciences business.
- **Philippe Trolez**, Corporate Secretary, has taken over responsibility for the finance department, previously led by Fabien Prévost.
- An **Executive Committee** has been set up to oversee the company's operational affairs. It is made up of Fabien Prévost, its Chairman, and five partners, namely Benjamin Arm (Buyout & Growth Capital), Michel de Lempdes (Venture Capital), Serge Savasta (Renewable Energy), Martine Sessin-Caracci (Communications and Investor Relations) and Philippe Trolez (Corporate secretary).
- **Pierre Gadonneix** has joined the Consultative Committee, consisting of Edmond Alphandéry (Chairman), Gilbert Milan, Xavier Moreno and Jacques Veyrat. The Consultative Committee issues opinions and recommendations on the company's development and compensation policy. Pierre Gadonneix will participate in the Strategic Committee of Omnes Capital Energy Funds.

Pierre Gadonneix, age 71, a member of Omnes Capital's Consultative Committee

Pierre Gadonneix is Chairman of Latécoère's Supervisory Board. He is Honorary Chairman of EDF and the World Energy Council and also chairs the Harvard Business School Club in France.

Pierre Gadonneix, a highly reputed business figure, has spent most of his career in industry. In 1976, he was technical advisor to the private office of the French minister of industry and research. From 1978 to 1987, he was director of the metallurgical, mechanical and electrical industries and in this role helped to shape the restructuring of the French steelmaking sector. He was Chairman of Gaz de France from 1996 to 2004 after joining the group nine years earlier as Chief Executive Officer. In 2004, he was appointed as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of EDF, a position he held until 2009. Pierre Gadonneix was a member of the French Economic and Social Council until 2009.

With a doctorate in Business Economics from the Harvard Business School, he graduated from the École Polytechnique and the École Nationale Supérieure du Pétrole et des Moteurs and holds a degree in Economics.



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Fabien Prévost, age 54, Chairman of Omnes Capital

Fabien Prévost began his career as a Consultant in the United States before moving to Paris where he joined the Boston Consulting Group (BCG) as a Senior Consultant in the manufacturing and distribution sectors. From 1988 to 1991, he specialised in mergers and acquisitions, initially within the M&A division of First Boston Corp in New York and then at Financière Indosuez in Paris. In 1992 he founded Proxidis, a specialised distribution group that was floated on the Paris Bourse (Nouveau Marché) in 1996. Since July 2004, he has been Chairman of Omnes Capital, after joining it in 2000 to set up the Venture Capital business.

Fabien Prévost was Director and Vice-Chairman (2010-2012) of the AFIC and Chairman of AFIC's Statistical and Economic Research Committee (2009-2013).

He graduated in Civil Engineering from the Ecole Polytechnique and the Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées and holds a Master of Engineering degree from the University of California-Berkeley.

Benjamin Arm, age 38, Head of Buyout & Growth Capital, member of Omnes Capital's Executive Committee.

Benjamin Arm started his career in 2001 working for Arthur Andersen, before moving to Ernst & Young as an experienced Senior in the Transaction Advisory Services department. He joined Omnes Capital as an Associate in 2006. He has been Director since 2013.

Benjamin Arm has a degree in engineering from the Ecole Spéciale des Travaux Publics. He also holds a Master's Entrepreneurs degree from HEC and a diploma in economics from Université Paris Sorbonne

Michel de Lempdes, age 37, Head of Venture Capital, member of Omnes Capital's Executive Committee.

Michel de Lempdes started his career at Crédit Agricole CIB in New York where he participated in fund of funds and LBO funding operations in technologies, before co-launching in 2001 Crédit Lyonnais Venture Capital, which will become the Venture Capital entity of Omnes Capital. As Director since 2005, he has made numerous investments in the internet and industrial sector. He was co-head of the Venture Capital business since 2012.

He has been a member of SATT idfinnov's Investment Committee since 2012.

Michel de Lempdes graduated from ESC Reims Business School.

Serge Savasta, age 40, Head of Renewable Energy, member of Omnes Capital's Executive Committee.

Serge Savasta began his career with Crédit Lyonnais in 2000 as Financial Markets IT advisor. In 2002, he joined the structured financing department of the bank (renamed CA-CIB in 2004) as a Senior Associate in asset financing and then as Relationship Manager. He moved to Omnes Capital in 2006 as Director in the Renewable Energy team, and took over responsibility for it in 2008.

He was a member of the Board of Directors of the French Renewable Energy Syndicate from 2009 to 2013.

Serge Savasta graduated in engineering from the Ecole Spéciale des Travaux Publics. He also holds an MBA from HEC Paris.



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Martine Sessin-Caracci, age 49, Director of Communications and Investor Relations, member of Omnes Capital's Executive Committee.

Martine Sessin-Caracci's career began as an auditor with Arthur Andersen. In 1989, she joined CPR, where she held various positions in the finance department, before taking over as head of financial communications in 1998. In 2001, she joined Euler Hermes as Director of Communications. In 2004, she was appointed as AGF's Director of Communications. She joined Omnes Capital in 2005 as Communications Director, before being named Director of Communications and Investor Relations in 2011.

Martine Sessin-Caracci gained a DESCF graduate diploma in accounting and finance and graduated from Bordeaux ESC Business School.

Philippe Trolez, age 45, Corporate Secretary and a member of Omnes Capital's Executive Committee

Philippe Trolez's career began in 1995 as a lawyer at Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations where he advised its head office and regional departments on public-private company law, banking law and business law. During 2000, he joined Spie SA where he was in charge of mergers & acquisitions and internal restructuring. He joined Omnes Capital in 2001. He became Legal Director in 2005 before being named Corporate Secretary in 2013.

Philippe Trolez holds an Executive MBA from HEC Paris and a master's degree in business law from University of Paris XIII. He is also a graduate of the Institut de la Construction et de l'Habitation (Paris CNAM).

Photos available upon request from Shan.

About Omnes Capital (formerly Crédit Agricole Private Equity)

Omnes Capital is a major player in private equity, with a commitment to financing SMEs. With €2.1 billion in assets under management, Omnes capital provides companies with the capital needed to finance their growth and with key expertise in a number of areas: Buyout & Growth Capital, Venture Capital, Renewable Energy, Co-Investment, Secondary Funds of Funds. Omnes Capital, formerly Crédit Agricole Private Equity, was a subsidiary of Crédit Agricole until March 2012. The firm is now owned by its employees.

Omnes Capital is a signatory to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI). Further information: www.omnescapital.com

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