



Pierre Pringuet joins Cap Gemini's Board of Directors

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At the Annual General Meeting of Cap Gemini held today, the shareholders approved the appointment of Pierre Pringuet, Chief Executive Officer of Pernod Ricard, to the Board of Directors of the company.

Biography

A graduate of the Ecole Polytechnique and the Ecole des Mines, Pierre Pringuet started his career in the French civil service. He became an advisor to the government minister Michel Rocard from 1981 to 1985 before being given responsibility for the farming and food-processing industries at the Ministry of Agriculture.

He joined Pernod Ricard in 1987 as Development Director, playing an active role in the Group's international development and occupying the posts of Managing Director of the Société pour l'Exportation des Grandes Marques (1987-1996) and then chairman and CEO of Pernod Ricard Europe (1997-2000).

In 2000 he joined Patrick Ricard at the corporate headquarters, together with Richard Burrows, as one of Pernod Ricard's two joint Managing Directors. He has been a board member of Pernod Ricard since 2004.

Pierre Pringuet led the successful acquisition of Allied Domecq in 2005, and then the integration process.

In December of that year he became the Group's sole managing director.

In 2008, Pierre Pringuet successfully leads the acquisition of Vin & Sprit and its vodka brand Absolut, putting the finishing touch to the internationalisation of Pernod Ricard.

Following Patrick Ricard's resignation from his executive duties, Pierre Pringuet was appointed Chief Executive Officer on 5 November 2008. He is supported by a collegial team comprising four Deputy Managing Directors: Emmanuel Babeau, in charge of Finance, Thierry Billot, in charge of Brands, Michel Bord, in charge of the Distribution Network and Bruno Rain, in charge of Human Resources.

Pierre Pringuet also chairs the Comité Sully, which promotes the French food-processing industry. He holds the rank of Knight of the National Order of Merit, and of Officier du Mérite Agricole.

About Pernod Ricard

Created by the merger of Pernod and Ricard in 1975, the Group has undergone sustained development, based on both organic growth and acquisitions. The purchase of part of Seagram (2001), the acquisitions of Allied Domecq (2005) and of Vin & Sprit (2008) have made the Group the world's co-leader in wines and spirits with sales of € 6,589 million in 2007/08. Pernod Ricard holds one of the most prestigious brand portfolios in the sector: ABSOLUT Premium Vodka, Ricard pastis, Ballantine's, Chivas Regal and The Glenlivet Scotch whiskies, Jameson Irish Whiskey, Martell cognac, Havana Club rum, Beefeater gin, Kahlúa and Malibu liqueurs, Mumm and Perrier-Jouët champagnes, as well Jacob's Creek and Montana wines. Pernod Ricard favours a decentralised organisation, with 7 "Brand Owners" and 70 "Distribution Companies" established in each key market, and employs a workforce of more than 19,300 people. The Group is strongly committed to a sustainable development policy and encourages responsible consumption of its products. Pernod Ricard is listed on the NYSE Euronext exchange (Ticker: RI; ISIN code: FR0000120693) and is a member of the CAC 40 index.

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