

# Press release



## **Gilles Cojan, Guy de Panafieu and Catherine Soubie appointed as independent directors of MEDICA's board of directors**

**Paris, February 16, 2010** - The MEDICA group, a leading player in the French long-term and short-term dependency care market, announces today the appointment of Catherine Soubie, Gilles Cojan and Guy de Panafieu as independent directors and members of MEDICA's board of directors.

**Catherine Soubie**, 44, has a degree from the École Supérieure de Commerce de Paris. She began her career in 1989 at Lazard in London and then in Paris, where she was notably a Director in the Corporate finance department. She then held a variety of positions at Morgan Stanley in Paris, notably Managing Director. She joined Rallye in 2005 as Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

**Guy de Panafieu**, 66, has an arts and economics degree and graduated at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris. Formerly an Inspecteur des Finances, from 1968 to 1982 he held a variety of positions at the French Finance Ministry in external trade and international economic relations. He was advisor on international economic issues to the President of the French Republic from 1978 to 1981. He worked at Lyonnaise des Eaux from 1983 to 1997 in a variety of management positions, lastly as Chief Operating Officer. He was chairman of the BULL group from 1997 to 2001. He is senior advisor to Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank, Chairman of the India Committee of MEDEF international and Vice-Chairman of BIAC (OECD Business and Industry Advisory Committee).

**Gilles Cojan**, 55, has a degree from the École Supérieure des Sciences Économiques et Commerciales. From 1978 to 1986, he was Treasurer of pharmaceuticals group Servier.

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He then joined Banque Transatlantique, becoming Chief Executive Officer of subsidiary GTI France. In 1990, he became head of Finance and Treasury at Valeo. In 1992, he was appointed Chief Financial Officer at Elitair (renamed Elixir in 1998). In 2001, he was promoted to member of the Executive Committee and Chief Executive Officer of Elixir International, and then appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Elixir Group in charge of international activities and strategy in December 2003. Since September 2007, he has been Chief Executive Officer of Octant Partenaires and of SOFIBIN, a major shareholder of the Elixir Group. He is also a member of the Strategy Committee and sits on the Executive Committee of the Elixir Group, where he is in charge of strategy and partnerships.

## **About MEDICA**

*The MEDICA group operates mainly in two business sectors: the “long-term care” sector (EHPAD, Etablissements d’Hébergement pour Personnes Agées Dépendantes) with 111 facilities at December 31, 2009 in France and in Italy and the post-acute and psychiatric sector, mainly at rehabilitation and recuperative care facilities and psychiatric facilities with 37 facilities at December 31, 2009. The MEDICA group has over 6,400 employees and confirmed its revenue forecast at December 31, 2009, which should amount to approximately €480 million.*

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