



## Press Release

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### GFI Informatique: New board appointments

At its meeting of 20 May 2009, the Board of Directors officially approved the nomination of **Vincent Rouaix** as chairman of the GFI Informatique Board of Directors, in accordance with the decision taken last March. Vincent Rouaix has been deputy CEO since March of this year.

The Annual General Meeting, also held on 20 May 2009, approved the nomination of two new GFI Informatique board members:

- **Boussard & Gavaudan**, represented by Alexis Chevrère,
- **William Bitan**, an independent board member with professional experience in the area of IT services.

#### Current composition of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is chaired by Vincent Rouaix

#### Board members

Bernard Pache

Itefin Participations, represented by Gilles Rigal

Patrick De Giovanni

Jean-Hervé Lorenzi

Jacques Tordjman

William Bitan

Boussard & Gavaudan, represented by Alexis Chevrère

**Vincent Rouaix:** “I am deeply honoured to succeed Jacques Tordjman as chairman of the group he founded more than 15 years ago. GFI Informatique has the keys to success and has done what is required to rebound after these tough economic times. I would mostly like to welcome two new members to our Board of Directors. Both will strengthen our governance with characters and professional backgrounds that are commensurate with the challenges facing our sector.”



## **Expertise and professional background**

### **Vincent Rouaix**

A graduate of the Ecole Supérieure des Travaux Publics, Vincent Rouaix has spent his entire career with international service groups. In 1986, he joined Logispace, which specialises in consulting and information systems, and rapidly became general manager and then Chairman and CEO. When Logispace became part of Cognicase in 1999, he was named general manager of Cognicase France. In 2001, Cognicase appointed him Executive Vice President and General Manager Europe.

Vincent Rouaix went on to create and develop the Adeliar group with backing from reputed investment funds. After Adeliar was taken over by GFI Informatique in January 2006, he was appointed Chief Operations Officer France until March 2009, when he was nominated as CEO. He is a board member since March 2006 and deputy CEO since December 2006.

### **Boussard & Gavaudan**

Alexis Chevière is responsible for Boussard & Gavaudan's private equity activity. A graduate of École Supérieure de Commerce de Paris (ESCP) and holding an MBA from MIT-Sloan School of Management, he has spent most of his career at Goldman Sachs, within the firm's Mergers and Acquisitions activity, and with Sagard, a French midmarket private equity fund.

### **William Bitan**

William Bitan began his career in 1968 with the finance division of the Sema group. In 1986, he was appointed director of management control of Sema Group Plc, and became chief financial officer and a member of the executive committee and board of directors in 1992. He was named chief operations officer in 2000 before moving in 2001 to Capgemini, where he was successively director of management control, chief financial officer and executive committee and board member for a number of the group's subsidiaries.

Since 2005, he has been an independent consultant for international groups in the fields of mergers and acquisitions, financial communication and strategic planning.



### **About GFI Informatique**

GFI Informatique is a major player in the IT services sector, providing four strategic offerings: consulting, systems integration, infrastructures and production and solutions. The group caters mainly for large corporates, public bodies and local authorities. As part of its industrialisation policy, the group has 11 skills centres, two national design and production service centres and three offshore centres. GFI Informatique recorded 2008 revenue of €768.1m with a workforce of 10,000. The group has over 40 branches in France and nine international agencies in Southern and Northern Europe, Morocco and Canada. For more information, go to [www.gfi.fr](http://www.gfi.fr)

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