



Orange's Board of Directors decides to co-opt Christel Heydemann as a new director

Orange's Board of Directors, which met on 26 July 2017, decided to appoint a new director, Ms Christel Heydemann, by co-optation following a proposal by the Governance and Corporate Social and Environmental Responsibility Committee (CGRSE).

She will replace José Luis Duran, director since 2008, who resigned after being appointed as CEO of Value Retail PLC and due to his functions as a member of the Board of Directors of Inditex and Mars Inc.

Christel Heydemann's appointment will be submitted for ratification at the Orange Group's next Annual General Meeting in May 2018.

By naming Christel Heydemann, the Board of Directors has chosen a professional with recognised expertise in areas that represent major challenges for the Group (digital, telecommunications, international).

The Board of Directors now comprises 15 members, including 7 women, centred around Stéphane Richard, Orange Chairman and CEO.

Christel Heydemann is Executive Vice President France Operations at Schneider Electric and a member of the Schneider Electric Executive Committee since April 2017. A graduate of the Ecole Polytechnique and the Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées, Christel started her career in 1997 at the Boston Consulting Group. In 1999, she joined Alcatel where she held various senior positions, notably during the merger of Alcatel and Lucent. In 2004, she joined the sales division at Alcatel-Lucent where she was key account manager for SFR and Orange. In 2008, she was appointed Sales Director France and Member of the Executive Committee of Alcatel-Lucent France. In 2009, she negotiated a strategic alliance with HP in the United States and was then promoted in 2011 to the position of Executive Vice President Human Resources & Transformation and Member of the Executive Committee. Christel moved to Schneider Electric in 2014 as Senior Vice President Global Strategic Alliances where she was tasked with accelerating the launch of IoT solutions by developing a partnership ecosystem, and was then appointed as Senior Vice President Corporate Strategy, Alliances & Development in 2016.

About Orange

Orange is one of the world's leading telecommunications operators with sales of 40,9 billion euros in 2016 and 153,000 employees worldwide at 30 June 2017, including 94,000 employees in France. Present in 29 countries, the Group has a total customer base of 269 million customers worldwide at 30 June 2017, including 207 million mobile customers and 19 million fixed broadband customers. Orange is also a leading provider of global IT and telecommunication services to multinational companies, under the brand Orange Business Services. In March 2015, the Group presented its new strategic plan "Essentials2020" which places customer experience at the heart of its strategy with the aim of allowing them to benefit fully from the digital universe and the power of its new generation networks.

Orange is listed on Euronext Paris (symbol ORA) and on the New York Stock Exchange (symbol ORAN).

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