



NEWS RELEASE

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Jean-Charles PAUZE joins CFAO's Supervisory Board

CFAO announced today the appointment of Jean-Charles Pauze as a member of the Group's Supervisory Board. He succeeds Alexandre Vilgrain who resigned from office. Jean-Charles Pauze, who is currently Chairman of the Management Board of Rexel, has also been appointed as a member of two of the CFAO Board's four specialized committees: the Audit Committee and the Nomination Committee. His appointment will be subject to the approval of the General Shareholders' Meeting of May 20, 2011.

The Supervisory Board is chaired by Alain Viry and also comprises François-Henri Pinault (Vice Chairman), Jean-François Palus, Nathalie Delapalme, Cheick Modibo Diarra and Pierre Guénant. These last three members, and Jean-Charles Pauze, are considered to be independent members by the Supervisory Board according to the criteria of the AFEP-MEDEF Corporate Governance Code.

Born in 1947, Jean-Charles Pauze graduated from IDN-EC Lille with an engineering degree. He also holds a Master of Business Administration from INSEAD. He began his career with Total in 1971 before joining the Alfa Laval group in France in 1974 where he held several positions. He served as CEO of Alfa Laval Industrie from 1981 until 1984 when he was appointed CEO of the group's German subsidiary Brand & Luebbe. He joined the Strafor Facom group as Chairman and CEO of Clestra-Hauserman in 1986 and Chairman and CEO of Steelcase Strafor in 1991. In 1998, Jean-Charles Pauze joined the PPR group and was appointed CEO of Guilbert, the European leader in office furniture and stationery, and then CEO of Rexel. In February 2004, PPR sold its controlling stake in Rexel and Jean-Charles Pauze continued to hold his management positions. He is currently Chairman of Rexel's Management Board. Rexel is a global leader in the distribution of electrical equipment and is listed on Euronext Paris.

About CFAO

CFAO is the foremost specialized retail brand in its main business areas – vehicle and pharmaceuticals distribution – in Africa and the French Overseas Territories. It is a leading player in these regions in the import and distribution of vehicles and pharmaceutical products, related logistics services, and certain manufacturing operations and technological services. CFAO is present in 34 countries, 31 of which are in Africa and seven in the French Overseas Territories, and had 9,400 employees at the end of 2009.

In 2009, CFAO generated consolidated revenue of €2,582 million and recorded recurring operating income of €211 million.

CFAO is listed on NYSE Euronext in Paris and is included in the SBF120 index.

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