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France Industrie: the unified representation of the French industry

The first General Assembly of France Industrie met on February 1st 2018 to formalize the union of the Cercle de l'Industrie and the Group of Industrial Federations (GFI) within a single entity. *France Industrie* aims to become the French reference driving force of proposals on industrial issues in Europe.

Philippe VARIN was elected Chairman of *France Industrie*.

Philippe DARMAYAN was elected Vice-Chairman of *France Industrie*.

The **Cercle de l'Industrie**, which brings together 40 CEOs of the largest French private and public companies operating in all industrial sectors, and the **Group of Industrial Federations (GFI)**, which brings together 19 federations of industrial sectors (also members of the MEDEF), have created on February 1st 2018 a joint organization named *France Industrie*.

Philippe VARIN and **Philippe DARMAYAN** stated: *“Our unified representation allows us to speak with a stronger voice in order to put industry back at the heart of French and European policies. This union was expected by all stakeholders, and France Industrie will act as the link between all players of the French industrial ecosystem: large companies, small and medium businesses. France Industrie will particularly be the main interface with French and European public authorities on industrial issues.”*

France Industrie's Board of Directors also identified its main priorities:

- Reinforce its actions at national and European level on the industry's major challenges in terms of competitiveness: taxes on manufacturing activities, compulsory levies, labour market, vocational training and apprenticeship, innovation, industry digitization, energy and climate issues, circular economy, and the promotion of a European industrial strategy.
- Mobilize industrial sectors on major structuring collective projects in terms of R&D, digital platforms, or to grow on international markets
- Make industry more attractive to the general public
- Step up its European and international action, especially in connection with European institutions and its European partners (BDI, Confindustria...).

Composition of the Board of Directors

Philippe VARIN
Chairman of France Industrie

Philippe DARMAYAN
Vice-Chairman of France Industrie

Members of the Board, College of industrial companies

- Patrice CAINE, Chairman and CEO of Thales
- Pierre-André de CHALENDAR, Chairman and CEO of Saint-Gobain
- Jean-Pierre CLAMADIEU, CEO of Solvay
- Isabelle KOCHER, CEO of ENGIE
- Jean-Bernard LEVY, Chairman and CEO of EDF
- Stéphane RICHARD, Chairman and CEO of Orange
- Philippe VARIN, Chairman of the Boards of Orano and Areva

Members of the Board, College of industrial federations

- Antoine BAULE, Vice-President of the National Association of Food Industry (ANIA), CEO of Lesaffre.
- Jean-Luc BELINGARD, President of the French Federation of Health Industries (FEFIS), Vice-President of the Mérieux Institute.
- Philippe DARMAYAN, Co-President of A3M (Mines, Minerals and Metals), President of Alliance Industrie du Futur (AIF), and President of ArcelorMittal France
- Yves DUBIEF, President of the French Textile Industry Federation (UIT), Chairman and CEO of Tenthorey
- Bruno GRANDJEAN, President of the Federation of Mechanical engineering and Metal working Industries (FIM), Chairman of the Board of Redex
- Christel HEYDEMANN, Vice-President of the Federation of Electric, Electronic and Communication Industries (FIEEC), Executive Vice President of Schneider Electric France
- Eric TRAPPIER, President of the French Aeronautics and Space Industries Association (GIFAS), Chairman and CEO of Dassault Aviation

Managing Director

- Vincent MOULIN WRIGHT

Deputy Managing Director

- Jean-Marie DANJOU

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France Industrie is the representative professional organization of Industry in France, created by the Cercle de l'Industrie and the Group of Industrial Federations. It brings together 19 Industry Federations affiliated to the MEDEF, and 40 CEOs of the largest private and public companies, operating in all industrial sectors.

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