

Meet Grace Leo, Compagnie Lebon's new independent Director

The Compagnie Lebon Board Meeting of 12 September welcomed Grace Leo as its new independent Director.

The Board has now achieved perfect gender parity with a membership of five men and five women.



The arrival of Grace Leo, a hotel administration specialist, on the Board means that Compagnie Lebon now has one specialist independent director for each of the Group's business lines (Hospitality, Real Estate, Private Equity).

Grace Leo graduated from Cornell University (Hotel School) and began her career with Inter-Continental and Sheraton in the United States. She became Vice-President of the Warwick International Group, owners of the Warwick and Westminster in Paris, at the age of 26. She was responsible for the development of eight hotels during her time in office. She acquired, together with her family, Hotel Montalembert in 1988 (Saint Germain), then Hotel Lancaster in 1997 (rue de Berri) and made both hotels benchmarks in the world of Parisian hotels. She later created her own company, G.L.A. Hotels (since renamed Grace Leo Consultancy), which offers consulting services to institutional and independent investors about their hotel projects (concept/strategy/repositioning/innovation) in France and abroad.

Named Leading Woman Entrepreneur of the World in 2002, she received the Best Hotelier Award in the UK in 2003 and became the first woman to serve on the Executive Board of Leading Hotels of the World from 2006 to 2015. Grace Leo was born in Hong Kong and studied in the United States (Stanford and Cornell universities). In the course of her career, she has developed an international network and experience in the "boutique" hotel segment while attentively monitoring changes on the Parisian market.

"The members of the Appointments and Remunerations Committee appreciated Ms. Leo expertise and vision, as well as her sense of entrepreneurship and her international background," explains Bertrand Leclercq, Chairman of the Compagnie Lebon Board of Directors.

At the same time, Christian Maugey (Representing La Financière Boscary) has left his position as independent board member, after serving on the Compagnie Lebon Board for 23 years.

"The entire Board and the company are grateful to Mr Maugey for his unfailing commitment during all the years he served on the Board as an independent director," concludes Bertrand Leclercq.

About Compagnie Lebon:

Compagnie Lebon, a company listed on Euronext Paris (compartment B), is controlled by the Paluel-Marmont family and develops three complementary business lines: Hospitality with the Esprit de France hotels and Thermal resorts, Spas and Sources d'Équilibre Hotels, Real Estate with Paluel-Marmont Valorisation, and Private Equity with Paluel-Marmont Capital.
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