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Marc-Henri Desportes appointed Executive Chairman of Omnes Education effective 1 September. He succeeds José Milano

OMNES Education announces the appointment of Marc-Henri Desportes as Executive Chairman of the OMNES Education group, effective September 1, 2025, succeeding José Milano who is stepping down.

Former student of École Polytechnique and Mines-PSL, Marc-Henri Desportes has had a rich career, marked by high-level responsibilities in both the public and private sectors, both in France and internationally. He notably led the e-administration program of the French tax administration, before being the CIO of BNP Paribas in Italy. He was then in charge of the innovation and digital transformation strategies at Atos, then managed the development and expansion of Worldline, one of the leading European digital payment companies, first as Deputy General Manager and then as General Manager.

His leadership, recognized for its rigor and commitment, will be a valuable asset to support our group in continuing its growth momentum, enhancing our competitiveness, our openness to innovation, and giving new impetus to our ambitions to promote the employability and success of our students.

Marc-Henri Desportes will focus on continuing the significant progress made in recent years in the development of the platform that supports the fifteen schools and campuses of OMNES Education. He will also lead the internal and external growth of the group in France and Europe, relying on the dedication, expertise, and talent of the OMNES teams.

José Milano joined the company in 2019 as Deputy General Manager, became General Manager in January 2020, and was promoted to Executive Chairman in July 2023, supporting the growth and transformation of OMNES Education.

As the architect of a unique platform model serving the group's schools, he led a strategy combining the hybridization of training programs, pedagogical innovation, internationalization, and environmental, digital, and technological transitions through artificial intelligence.

The Supervisory Board wishes to congratulate him for all his work and to express its sincere gratitude for these years of development, transformation, and consolidation.

José Milano will continue to share his experience in the higher education sector with the OMNES Education group and its new president to ensure a successful transition, as senior advisor.

Furthermore, the OMNES Education group announces the appointment of Guillaume Thomas as Chief Financial Officer, effective August 25, 2025.

Guillaume Thomas joins OMNES Education with solid international, financial and entrepreneurial experience. A graduate of HEC Paris, he began his career at AT Kearney before spending 18 years at Pernod Ricard, where he held financial management positions in France and abroad. In 2022, he co-founded a spirits brand, leading fundraising efforts and structuring the start-up's finances. His dual expertise in financial management and innovation is a major asset in supporting the transformation and development of OMNES Education.



Marc-Henri Desportes: " In a rapidly changing world, driven in particular by the rise of artificial intelligence, I believe the challenge of education is more crucial than ever. It is therefore with great enthusiasm that I will take on the leadership of OMNES Education, and I will dedicate all my energy and passion to its development and to the success of every student."

José Milano would like to thank the members of the Supervisory Board, all employees and partners for the exciting years he has spent within the OMNES Education group and will continue to be committed to supporting this stimulating entrepreneurial adventure.

"What we convey through education goes beyond knowledge." It's a way of being in the world, finding one's place in it, and contributing to it.

Mathias Emmerich, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the OMNES Education Group, thanks José Milano for his passion for higher education and his unwavering commitment, and welcomes the arrival of Marc-Henri Desportes, who will continue and develop the establishment of a leading European multidisciplinary platform.

About OMNES Education

Founded in 1975, OMNES Education is a private, multidisciplinary higher education and research group specializing in management, engineering, communication, and political science. For nearly 50 years, the Group has been dedicated to supporting students from education through to employment, placing students, the quality of its multidisciplinary teaching, and career guidance at the core of its strategy.

To this end, €100 million has been invested over the past four years to establish a unique pedagogical approach rooted in responsibility and innovation. The Group operates across 22 campuses in France and internationally—Paris, Lyon, Bordeaux, Chambéry, Beaune, Rennes, Marseille, and Toulouse, as well as Munich (Germany), Barcelona, Madrid, Valencia, and Seville (Spain), Geneva and Lausanne (Switzerland), London, Monaco, and Abidjan.

Each year, OMNES Education trains more than 40,000 students, including 18,000 work-study participants and 10,000 executives. With a network of 15,000 corporate partners and 215,000 alumni, the Group provides students with a learning experience focused on a clear goal: enhancing their employability and building their future success.

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