

## RUDY PROVOOST IS NAMED CHAIRMAN AND CEO CATHERINE GUILLOUARD IS NAMED DEPUTY CEO

Rexel's Board of Directors, acting on the recommendation of its Nomination Committee, voted unanimously at its meeting on May 22 in favor of appointing of Rudy Provoost as Chairman and CEO of the Rexel Group and Catherine Guillouard as Deputy-CEO. Rudy Provoost had previously been appointed as Chairman of the Management Board in February 2012 and Catherine Guillouard as Group Chief Financial Officer in May 2013, a role she keeps alongside her new responsibilities.

Both nominations follow the approval by Rexel shareholders at the Annual General Assembly on May 22, of a decision to move to a one-tier governance structure with a Board of Directors ("Conseil d'Administration"). This change reflects the evolution of Rexel's shareholding structure.

### Biographies

**Rudy Provoost** has been Chairman of Rexel's Management Board since February 2012 and Chairman of the Rexel Foundation for a better energy future since June 2013. Prior to joining Rexel, Rudy Provoost held a variety of management positions at Philips between 2000 and 2011: In 2000, he was appointed Executive Vice-President of Consumer Electronics for Europe and in 2004 he became Chief Executive Officer of the Consumer Electronics division. In 2006, he was appointed member of the Management Board of Philips, before assuming the role of Chief Executive Officer of the Lighting division in 2008 and Chairman of the Sustainability Board.

Rudy Provoost started his career at Procter & Gamble (1984-1987) and held a variety of management positions at Canon (1987-1992) and Whirlpool (1992-2000).

Rudy Provoost was born in 1959 in Belgium and holds degrees in Psychology and Business Administration (MBA). He is also author of 'Energy 3.0', a book published by Cherche-Midi in October 2013 which discussed the transformation of the energy world.

**Catherine Guillouard** has been a member of Rexel's Management Board, CFO and Group Senior Vice-President since May 2013. Before joining Rexel, Catherine Guillouard was Chief Financial Officer of Eutelsat and a member of the Executive Committee (2007-2013). Prior to this, Guillouard held various management positions within Air France, including Deputy Vice-President of Corporate Control, Senior Vice-President of Flight Operations, Senior Vice-President of Human Resources and Change Management, and Senior Vice-President of Finance (2005-2007). Guillouard began her career in 1993 at the French Treasury working for the Ministry of Finance department in charge of the Africa - CFA zone and later in the Banking Affairs department.

Born in 1965, Catherine Guillouard graduated from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris and the École Nationale d'Administration. She also holds a post-graduate degree (DESS) in European Union Law.

## About Rexel Group

Rexel, a global leader in the professional distribution of products and services for the energy world, addresses three main markets - industrial, commercial and residential. The Group supports customers around the globe, wherever they are, to create value and run their businesses better. With a network of some 2,300 branches in 38 countries, and c. 30,000 employees, Rexel's recorded sales of €13 billion in 2013.

Rexel is listed on the Eurolist market of Euronext Paris (compartment A, ticker RXL, ISIN code FR0010451203). It is included in the following indices: SBF 120, CAC Mid 100, CAC AllTrade, CAC AllShares, FTSE EuroMid, and STOXX600. Rexel is also part of several SRI indices including the DJSI Europe and the FTSE4Good Europe & Global. For more information, visit Rexel's web site at [www.rexel.com](http://www.rexel.com)

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