



## Press release

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### Rothschild & Co announces management appointments

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Rothschild & Co today announces the appointment of François Pérol as a Managing Partner of Rothschild & Co Gestion. With effect from 1 September 2018, Robert Leitão, Managing Partner, and François will become Co-Chairmen of the Group Executive Committee (GEC).

Alexandre de Rothschild will lead the group as Executive Chairman supported by the Managing Partners.

Rothschild and Co Gestion is the entity responsible for the overall management of the Rothschild & Co group.

Nigel Higgins will join the Supervisory Board of Rothschild & Co as a Deputy Chairman and Olivier Pécoux will continue in his role as Chairman of Rothschild Global Advisory; both have contributed significantly to the strategic development of the group over the past 15-20 years and will remain active in the group.

Marc-Olivier Laurent will continue as Managing Partner and Head of Rothschild Merchant Banking.

Alexandre de Rothschild, Executive Deputy Chairman, commented, *“This management team, a combination of new and current senior leaders, will allow the group to develop further its existing successful strategy. We are delighted that François Pérol is joining Rothschild & Co. His proven track record at the head of a large banking group and his vast banking experience will benefit the group significantly.*

*“Robert has been successfully leading our Global Advisory business for the past five years and has therefore played a key role in the development of our company. I look forward to working closely with the Managing Partners in the next stage of Rothschild & Co’s development.”*

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**François Pérol** – A graduate of the HEC School of Management and of the Paris Institute of Political Science (Sciences Po), as well as a former student at the Ecole Nationale d’Administration (ENA), school for high-flying civil servants, François Pérol began his career in 1990 as an auditor, in the General Inspectorate of Finance. In 1994, he was appointed Deputy Secretary General of the Interdepartmental Commission for Industrial Restructuring (CIRI). In 1996, he moved to the French Treasury Department to assume responsibility as the head of the Financial Markets Office.

Between 1999 and 2001, he served as Secretary General of the Paris Club responsible for international negotiations with debtor countries. In 2001, he became Assistant Director responsible for business financing and development in the French Treasury Department before being appointed deputy Chief of Staff to Francis Mer, Minister of the Economy, Finance and Industry in the French Government, and remained at this position in 2004 when Nicolas Sarkozy was appointed *Ministre d’Etat*, Minister of the Economy, Finance and Industry. In 2005, he became a General Partner of the investment bank Rothschild & Cie.

In May 2007, François Pérol was appointed deputy Secretary General at the Presidency of the French Republic, in charge of economic issues.

On 1 August, 2009, after serving as Chairman of the Management Board of Caisse Nationale des Caisses d’Epargne (CNCE) and Chief Executive Officer of Banque Fédérale des Banques Populaires (BFBP) for five months, since March 2009, François Pérol became President of the Management Board of Groupe BPCE, born out of the completed merger between CNCE and BFBP.

**Robert Leitão** is Managing Partner of Rothschild & Co Gestion, and Head of Rothschild Global Advisory worldwide.

Mr Leitão was named Head of Rothschild Global Advisory in 2013. As a senior Mergers & Acquisitions banker and capital markets expert, during his 20-year career with Rothschild & Co,



Robert has advised clients on more than 200 transactions across a broad range of sectors around the world.

Prior to joining Rothschild & Co, Robert was a Director at Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited. He qualified as a Chartered Accountant with Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co (KPMG).

He has a degree in Engineering from Imperial College, London.

He is an Independent Director and Chairman of the Audit Committee of Manchester United plc, and Chairman of the Pennies Foundation.

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