

Press release

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Passing the torch: Yves Caparros is appointed the President of ECS Group

Yves Caparros has been appointed the new President of ECS Group, the European leader in business-to business technology funding management.

After spending 5 years as the Group's Managing Director, Mr Caparros will be taking over from Jacques Sorrel.

"I would like to pay tribute to Jacques Sorrel, who has made a remarkable and undeniable contribution to the Group. During his tenure, ECS enjoyed 14 years of growth, profitability and success," says Mr. Caparros.

Yves Caparros is a graduate of the Institut Technique de Banque and the Centre d'Études Supérieures de Banque. In 1974, he joined Société Générale Group where he held a variety of posts in the group's retail banking sector. In 1994, he joined the bank's risk department as Director for the Americas, before becoming Executive Director. In 2004, he joined ECS Group as Managing Director.

The Group's Executive Board is now made up of three other members:

Véronique di Benedetto has been appointed Managing Director.

A graduate of EAP/ESCP, she began her career at IBM before joining ECS Group. Véronique di Benedetto was Sales Manager, then Sales Director in France before being promoted to Deputy Managing Director in charge of ECS' international activity in 1999.

Laurent Briziou Deputy Managing Director, is taking over as head of international sales. A graduate of INSEEC Bordeaux, Mr. Briziou joined ECS Group in 1988 as an Account Manager. After occupying a number of posts within the sales department, he was promoted to Group Director of Marketing then Managing Director of ECS Solutis. In 2005, he took over the Department of Strategy and Development as well as the group's Service Department.

Eric Lucas has been appointed co-Deputy Managing Director, in charge of sales for France. A graduate of the European Business School, (EBS), he began his career with ECS Group in 1992 as Financial Controller for the group's German subsidiary. He went on to work in the sales department in France, Germany and Belgium before being promoted to Sales Director for Northern Europe in 2002 and Sales Director for France in 2004. In 2006 he was appointed Executive Director for France.

“After a satisfactory performance in 2008, ECS Group begins this year with confidence,” says Yves Caparros. “We have faith in our expertise and our solutions, and in 2009 we will continue our unwavering commitment to our clients, by assisting them in developing their business both in France and internationally. In ECS, companies have a reliable, independent partner to help them optimise their IT investments.”

About ECS

A wholly-owned subsidiary of Société Générale Group, ECS is the European leader in IT infrastructure management.

ECS offers ongoing support to help its clients achieve optimal availability, flexibility and control of their IT resources, thereby enhancing their company's market competitiveness and profitability. With its expertise in IT leasing and distributed and centralised infrastructure services, ECS can offer companies an end-to-end solution that is tailored to their requirements:

Value-add leasing services:

- . Flexible budget management solutions tailored to the company's technological environment
- . Administrative and logistical management services – tracking of leased assets and budget allocation
- . Expertise in structured leasing solutions and off-balance-sheet financing

IT Services:

- Business Continuity for IT assets and related services.
- Selective outsourcing of centralised or distributed infrastructures, hosting.
- Expertise in designing and implementing high availability, security, consolidation and virtualisation solutions

ECS: key figures

+ 35 years' experience
€ 1.9 billion turnover
1,600 employees, including 600 IT service staff
65 offices in 16 countries
12,000 clients
1,000,000 PCs leased
32,000 servers under maintenance

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