



Press Release

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The Board of Directors* of CIES - The Food Business Forum has appointed Alan McClay as CEO of the international organisation. The appointment was made last week at the 100th twice-yearly meeting of the CIES Board.

Alan McClay, 45, joined CIES in 1986. A graduate of Cambridge University, the Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris and the London Business School, he was previously chief operating officer of CIES.

*Alan McClay (r.) and Claude Hauser (l.),
Chairman of the CIES Board, at the last CIES
World Food Business Summit in Rome.*



With this appointment, the CIES team has the full support of its Board in pursuing its strategic priorities. These priorities include:

- engaging in a constructive and open retailer-manufacturer dialogue, including in technological collaboration;
- pursuing the Global Food Safety initiative (GFSI);
- the role of the Food Business in Society (FbiS);
- and CIES programmes in strategic management, management development, retail marketing, supply chain and information technology.

CIES - The Food Business Forum is the only independent global food business network. It serves the CEOs and senior management of 175 retailer and 175 supplier member companies, and their subsidiaries, in over 150 countries.

Providing a neutral platform for knowledge-exchange, thought-leadership and networking, CIES has been growing with the food business for over 50 years. Its strength lies in the active commitment of its member companies and its privileged access to key industry players which allows the organisation to facilitate the development of common positions and tools on key strategic and practical issues affecting the food business.

*The Directors of the CIES Board are:

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