



Press Release

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CIES appoints two new Board Members

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CIES - The Food Business Forum, the Paris-based independent global food business network, confirmed the appointment of **Luc Vandevelde of Carrefour Group** and **Hiroshi Kawashima of Tokyu Store Japan** to its Board of Directors.

"It is a pleasure to welcome such high calibre Directors, whose appointment will ensure that both the association and the sector continue to benefit from a diversity of experience and opinions" commented Claude Hauser, Chairman of the Federation of Migros Cooperatives and current Chairman of the CIES Board. "Luc Vandevelde's appointment ensures continuity in Carrefour's longstanding support of CIES activities and Hiroshi Kawashima's reinforces CIES' position in Japan in line with CIES strategy in Asia."

These appointments increase the number of CIES Directors to 23, all Chairmen and/or CEOs of retail member companies (see complete list below).

Luc Vandevelde became Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Carrefour SA in February 2005. He is the Founder and Managing Director of Change Capital Partners LLP, a private equity fund. Luc Vandevelde was formerly Chairman of Marks & Spencer Group Plc and Chief Executive Officer of Promodès, and he has held senior European and international roles with Kraft General Foods.

Hiroshi Kawashima was appointed Chairman & Representative Director of Tokyu Store Chain Co., Ltd. in May 2005. Hiroshi Kawashima began his career with Tokyu Store Chain in 1958 where he held various positions before being appointed Director in 1979, Managing Director in 1983 and President & Representative Director in 2000. Hiroshi Kawashima has served at the highest levels in the Japan Chain Stores Association (JCA), the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) and the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

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 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. www.ciesnet.com

The Directors of the CIES Board are:

Chairman: **Claude HAUSER**, Migros-Genossenschafts-Bund, Switzerland

- **Arturo BASTIANELLO**, Gruppo Pam S.p.A., Italy
- **Pierre-Olivier BECKERS**, Delhaize Group, Belgium
- **Kenneth BENGTESSON**, ICA AB, Sweden
- **Dr. Hans-Joachim KÖRBER**, Metro AG, Germany
- **Donald E. MARSH**, Marsh Supermarkets, Inc., USA
- **Bill McEWAN**, Sobeys Inc., Canada
- **John MENZER**, Wal-Mart International, USA
- **Henri MESTDAGH**, Mestdagh S.A., Belgium

- **Roger CORBETT**, Woolworths Ltd, Australia
- **S. Chandra DAS**, NTUC Fairprice Co-operative Ltd, Singapore
- **Silvio ELIAS MARIMON**, Caprabo S.A., Spain
- **Steven ESOM**, Waitrose Ltd, United Kingdom
- **Ron FLOTO**, The Dairy Farm Group, Hong Kong
- **Manuel FONG Jr.**, Supervalve Inc., Philippines
- **Lawrence JOHNSTON**, Albertsons Inc., USA
- **Hiroshi KAWASHIMA**, Tokyu Store Chain Co, Ltd, Japan
- **Motoya OKADA**, Aeon Co., Ltd, Japan
- **Senator Feargal QUINN**, Superquinn, Ireland
- **Gonzalo RESTREPO**, Almacenes Exito S.A., Colombia
- **Francisco SOARES DOS SANTOS**, JMR, Portugal
- **Sean SUMMERS**, Pick'n Pay Retailers, South Africa
- **Luc VANDELDE**, Carrefour Group, France

Questions?

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