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A new general management team to accelerate Qwant's development

Neuilly-sur-Seine, June 29, 2021 – The Advisory Board of Qwant SAS has appointed **Raphaël Auphan**, a successful entrepreneur in the technology and cybersecurity sectors, as Managing Director - CEO of Qwant. It has also appointed **Corinne Lejbowicz**, a leading corporate director and digital expert, as President of Qwant. This strengthened team will enable Qwant to deploy its strategy more quickly and accelerate its growth. These appointments will take effect on July 5, 2021, after validation by the General Meeting.

In their missions, they will be supported by the Leadership Team already in place, composed of Eric Bazin (COO), Hugo Venturini (CTO), Nam Ma Kim (CMO and Product Marketing Officer), Jean-Robert Mamin (CRO) and Sébastien Ménard (CCO/HPA).

Raphaël Auphan and Corinne Lejbowicz have the full confidence of Qwant's shareholders to continue and accelerate the development of Qwant.

Qwant employees and shareholders warmly thank Jean-Claude Ghinozzi for the work done, especially the recruitment of talent, the economic restructuring efforts, and the growth of requests and revenue. After 18 months of commitment to the turnaround of Qwant, in accordance with the roadmap approved by the shareholders, Jean-Claude Ghinozzi has decided to pursue a new professional project.

For Raphaël Auphan: *"I am extremely motivated by the challenges to be met, primarily technological and economic, which will allow Qwant to develop, and I am confident in the know-how and the teams. I would like to thank the shareholders for their confidence, and I am eager to start my mission. Access to information and knowledge is a major benefit of the Internet and of the digital transformation of our societies, which in turn requires reliable and trusted Internet search. The development of Qwant is at the heart of this major challenge. »*

For Corinne Lejbowicz: *"I am delighted to support Raphaël and the teams to best meet the challenges related to the development of Qwant, as search has become a critical service in the daily lives of citizens. »*

Bios



Corinne Lejbowicz is a graduate of ESCP Europe and the Institute of Political Studies (IEP) in Paris. She began her career in 1986 as Marketing and Export Manager at Nemo, a design furniture start-up. From 1987 to 1994, she held sales positions, then General Manager at TBWA. In 1994, she joined Infogrammes, and participated in the launch of the first French Internet service provider. From 1996 to 1998, she became Director of the broadband Internet access project at Numéricable (Vivendi group). In 1998, she was appointed Director of Strategy and New Projects at AOL France. In 2001, she was appointed Strategic Marketing Director of the Internet division of the Vivendi group holding company. In 2005, she joined LeGuide.com, the first independent French operator of online shopping guides and comparisons. She held the position of Deputy Director, then Managing Director and finally President and CEO from 2007 to 2012. From 2013 to 2015, she was Head of Strategy and Director of Minutebuzz. From 2015 to 2018, she was Managing Director of PrestaShop.

Since 2018 Corinne Lejbowicz is a director of companies, both startups (Agriconomie, bird office) and groups such as FdJ and LaPoste group.

Ms. Lejbowicz is also a mentor at Moovjee, an association promoting youth entrepreneurship, since 2011.

And a member of the board of directors of the Ares group, the leading player in social integration through economic activity in the Ile de France region since 2020.



Raphaël Auphan's career as an entrepreneur and executive spans several regions and technology sectors. Prior to taking the helm of Qwant as CEO, Raphaël was co-founder, president and COO of Cosmian, an enterprise software company focused on data security and privacy through advanced cryptography technologies.

Previously, Raphaël was CEO of Scilab, publisher of the eponymous open-source numerical computation software for engineers and scientists, until its acquisition by ESI Group, a global leader in simulation software, listed on Euronext, where he became Director of the Cloud Solutions Division.

Raphaël previously led a product team at Withings, a leader in connected health products, following Withings' acquisition of Zyken, a connected sleep products startup he developed after founding it a few years earlier.

His previous activities have taken him to different parts of the world: in Silicon Valley, he joined mobile Internet pioneer ViaFone at its founding and became its vice president for North America until ViaFone was acquired by Nasdaq-listed Extended Systems; In the UK, he was VP Europe for Extended Systems, acquired by Sybase, itself acquired by SAP; in Asia Pacific, he worked at Thales Transportation as a software engineer and at Gemalto (world leader in smart cards, acquired by Thales), where he created the company's subsidiary in Malaysia.

Raphaël was also a member of the board of directors of Sparus Software, a mobile device management company, until it was acquired by Zenprise, which in turn was acquired by Citrix Systems for \$327M.

Raphaël graduated in computer science and networks from Supélec.

About Qwant

Designed and developed in France, Qwant is the first European search engine to have its own Web indexing technology, which protects the privacy of its users by refusing any tracking device for advertising purposes. Unlike the main search engines on the market, Qwant does not install any cookies on the user's browser, does not try to find out who they are or what they are doing, and does not keep a history of the queries they make. With a friendly interface that leaves a lot of room for results, Qwant makes it possible to efficiently find the information you are looking for on the entire Web and social networks, while respecting total neutrality. Qwant treats all indexed sites and services without discrimination, without modifying the order of results according to the user's own interests or sensibilities.

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