



Unigrains announces leadership appointments

Eric Thirouin becomes President

Maxime Vandoni is appointed CEO

Paris, September 14th, 2021 – Unigrains, the agri-food and agro-industry specialized investor, today announced the appointments of Eric Thirouin as President and Maxime Vandoni as CEO.

Eric Thirouin is President of the AGPB (a professional organization of French grain growers) since 2019 and a Unigrains Board Member since 2018.

Maxime Vandoni is a seasoned executive with extensive experience in large consumer goods companies, at the helm of agri-food and cooperative groups, and in the world of renewable energies.

They respectively succeed Philippe Pinta and Jean-François Laurain, both warmly thanked by the Board of Directors for their decisive actions and their implication in the company's success.

These appointments are the culmination of a governance renewal process, carried out in continuity with the mutual values shared between Unigrains and its agriculture shareholders.

Jean-François Laurain will ensure a transition period of a few months with the new CEO.

Eric Thirouin and Maxime Vandoni will seek to strengthen Unigrains' position as the reference partner for agri-food companies, while also working to reinforce the essential ties between agriculture and the agri-food industry.

In order to always provide the best possible support for Unigrains' partner companies in their projects, they will pay particular attention to international development as well as the deployment of the CSR-ESG policy, recently formalized around "sustainable agriculture and responsible companies committed to well-being".

Eric Thirouin, President of Unigrains, declared: *"Presiding over Unigrains and ensuring the values that have driven the company, since its creation nearly 60 years ago by French grain growers, is an important responsibility. It is thanks to the team's expertise and recognized know-how, that we will pursue and amplify Unigrains' action, in France and abroad, in service of the sustainable development of our agri-food sector."*

Maxime Vandoni, CEO of Unigrains, declared: *"It is with enthusiasm and conviction that I bring my experience in support of the action of Unigrains, a strategic agri-food investor, and of its teams, fully aware of the importance of the development projects we will support over the long-term in an environment marked by major social, environmental and economic changes."*

Biography of Eric Thirouin



Eric Thirouin is President of the AGPB (a professional organization of French grain growers) since 2019.

He is also President of the Chamber of Agriculture in the Eure-et-Loir department since March 2013.

Eric Thirouin also holds various other responsibilities within the French grain growers group, *Céréaliers de France*.

Eric Thirouin has been a farmer since 1989, when he took over the family farm in Eure-et-Loir. He now works with in son over 210 hectares, producing soft wheat, durum wheat, barley, corn, rapeseed and potatoes. He also opened a store to sell local products.

Biography of Maxime Vandoni



Maxime Vandoni is a seasoned executive having held sales and marketing positions with large consumer product groups as well as at the helm of agri-food companies (Candia, Terrena).

He was previously Director of Agrivoltaic Strategy with Voltalia.

Maxime Vandoni holds degrees from *Ecoles Supérieures en Marketing de Bordeaux* and from *ESSEC* in Management.



About Unigrains

For over 55 years, Unigrains has accompanied the development of agri-food and agro-industry companies providing tailor-made financial solutions in equity and quasi-equity, as well as contributing its recognized industry expertise. Unigrains manages 1 billion euros and is a partner for nearly 100 companies, operating at various stages of their development, notably capital restructurings, strategic investments and acquisitions, and ensuring national and international growth.

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