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## Philippe BERNAND becomes Chairman of the Executive Board of Marseille Provence Airport

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Philippe BERNAND, former Chairman of the Executive Board of Lyon Airports, succeeds Pierre REGIS as Chairman of the Executive Board of Marseille Provence Airport (AMP).

The arrival of Philippe BERNAND at the Marseille Provence Airport opens a new stage in the development of the platform, after the departure of Pierre Régis, who presided over the destiny of the AMP for 28 years, during which traffic almost doubled to reach 9 million passengers in 2017.

With the support of the shareholders of the AMP (the State, Aix-Marseille Provence Metropolis, Department of Bouches-du-Rhône, the South PACA Region and the Marseille Provence Chamber of Commerce and Industry), Philippe BERNAND can rely on a robust financial situation. His mission is to pursue the development of international traffic, to monitor the economic performance of the company to achieve sustainable growth and to prepare for the future as part of the "Cap 2025" strategic plan. His first task is to prepare the launching of the Airport Heart, a project of 250 million euros entrusted to the team of Foster + Partners, whose presentation was made a few weeks ago.

*"Our ambition," says Philippe BERNAND, "is to make Marseille Provence Airport a reference in Europe in terms of operational efficiency and customer experience."*

*"Our action will be consistent with all the players in the region to contribute to the economic development and international reach of Marseille and its region."*

### Biography

#### Philippe BERNAND

Philippe BERNAND took control of Marseille Provence Airport on December 20, 2017.

Born in Marseille, Philippe BERNAND is a former student of the Ecole Polytechnique and a civil engineer in bridges and highways. He began his professional career in Marseille as a construction engineer with the GTM group. In 1995, he set his sights on Paris to develop international transport infrastructure concessions. In 1997, Philippe BERNAND introduced GTM into the world of airports by creating the Airports Division of the group, the management of which was entrusted to him.

In 4 years, this Airports Division took control over airports in Cambodia, the South East group of airports in Mexico and acquired a stake in ADP Management and then in Beijing Airport.

In 2001, he joined Suez Environnement to lead the water treatment engineering at Degrémont.

In 2004, again at Suez Environnement, he took over the management of Fairtec, SITA's waste engineering subsidiary.

In 2007, Philippe BERNAND was recruited by Lyon Airports as Managing Director. He became Chairman of the Executive Board in 2012, a position he held until his arrival in Marseille.

### About Marseille Provence Airport

In 2017, Marseille Provence Airport (AMP) will have welcomed **9 million passengers** and over **55,000 metric tons of freight**, which positions it as the largest French and Western Mediterranean regional airport for express freight. Owing to its privileged location and the investments it has made, the airport hosts **36 regular airlines** serving over **100 destinations in direct flights** in 25 countries (annual program). In 2016, the turnover of AMP rose to 134 million euros.

As part of its "Cap 2025" strategic plan, the Marseille Provence Airport is preparing to accommodate 13 million passengers by 2030. To do so, it plans to invest 500 million euros over 10 years with a flagship project that is the "Heart of the Airport" designed by the architect Norman FOSTER and presented last November.

The Marseille Provence Airport site now brings together nearly **200 companies** and over 5,500 employees, including 380 AMP employees.

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