



Press release

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STÉPHANE RICHARD ELECTED AS CHAIR OF GSMA BOARD TO SERVE FROM JANUARY 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 2020

Stéphane Richard to oversee strategic direction with 26-member newly elected Board Members of the GSMA

The GSMA today announced that it has elected new members of the GSMA Board for the two-year period from January 2019 through December 2020. Stéphane Richard, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Orange Group has been elected as its Chair, with Chua Sock Koong, Group Chief Executive Officer of SingTel Group as Deputy Chair. As GSMA Chair, Richard will oversee the strategic direction of the organisation, which represents more than 750 of the world's mobile operators, as well as over 350 companies in the broader mobile ecosystem.

"I am honoured to be elected to serve as Chair of the GSMA and look forward to working closely with the rest of the Board, the GSMA leadership team and our entire membership to address the critical issues facing our industry and our customers," said Stéphane Richard, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Orange. "Mobile operators and our wider industry have a key role to play in promoting a safer and more inclusive digital world, while building the infrastructure and services that will carry us forward as we enter this new era of intelligent connectivity."

The GSMA Board has 26 members, including 25 operator representatives from the world's largest operator groups as well as smaller, independent operators with global representation. The GSMA's Director General Mats Granryd also serves on the GSMA Board.

A full list of the GSMA Board for the 2019-2020 term is available from the GSMA [here](#).

Stéphane Richard replaces Sunil Bharti Mittal, Founder and Chairman of Bharti Enterprises and current GSMA Chair, who will step down from the Board at the end of 2018.

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About Orange

Orange is one of the world's leading telecommunications operators with sales of 41 billion euros in 2017 and 150,000 employees worldwide at 30 September 2018, including 92,000 employees in France. The Group has a total customer base of 261 million customers worldwide at 30 September 2018, including 201 million mobile customers and 20 million fixed broadband customers. The Group is present in 28 countries. Orange is also a leading provider of global IT and telecommunication services to multinational companies, under the brand Orange Business Services. In March 2015, the Group presented its new strategic plan "Essentials2020" which places customer experience at the heart of its strategy with the aim of allowing them to benefit fully from the digital universe and the power of its new generation networks.

Orange is listed on Euronext Paris (symbol ORA) and on the New York Stock Exchange (symbol ORAN).

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