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Francis LORENTZ is a Founding Partner and Chairman of LD&A, (strategy, M&A and corporate finance for IT midcaps) based in Paris and London

From 2000 to 2011, he was Chairman of IDATE (Institut de l'audiovisuel et des telecommunications en Europe), a think-tank and consultancy organisation dedicated to telecoms and Internet. He is also a Board member of several finance or high-tech companies.

From 2000 to 2005, Francis Lorentz headed the restructuring of the Galeries Lafayette technology services branch (Laser: IT services, CRM and e-commerce), as CEO of e-Laser.

From 1997 to 2000, he created and managed the French Government's "Task-force for e-business Development" and, as such, contributed to defining the legal, regulatory and economic measures required by Internet development.

Between 1995 and 2000, he was also an Associate Professor (Digital Economy at the Paris Dauphine University, and President of the Public Financing and Restructuring Establishment (EPFR).

Francis Lorentz was Chairman and CEO of RATP (Paris public transportation system) from 1992 to 1994.

From 1982 to 1992, he was CEO of the BULL group (IT networks and systems), and later the company's Chairman and CEO.

Prior to this, Francis Lorentz worked as the Executive Vice-President of Lyonnaise des Eaux (water and energy distribution) from 1980 to 1982, and assumed a variety of positions within the French Administration (Treasury) between 1970 and 1980.

Francis Lorentz holds an MBA from HEC and is a former student of ENA (Ecole Nationale d'Administration).