

Candidate Board Members



Martin De Prycker

Mr. Martin De Prycker is a managing partner of the Qbic Fund, an inter-university fund, supporting university spin-off companies in Belgium.

Mr. De Prycker was CEO of Barco between 2002 and 2009. Under his leadership he focused on, and made the company grow in markets using displays such as the medical, digital cinema, control and airline industry, and spinning off the non-core product lines such as graphics, textile and subcontracting. Prior to that, he was CTO and member of the Executive Committee of Alcatel-Lucent. Before becoming CTO of Alcatel-Lucent, Mr. De Prycker was responsible for establishing the company's worldwide market leadership in the broadband access market. Under his leadership, ADSL was transformed from a research project into a multi-billion-dollar business for Alcatel-Lucent.

Between 2009 and 2013 Mr. De Prycker was CEO of Caliopa, a startup of UGent/IMEC in silicon photonics, allowing the transport of hundreds of Gbps on optical fiber. Caliopa was acquired by Huawei in 2013.

He is also a member of the Board of Directors of several companies, including EVS, Sentiance, Arkite, Venture Spirit and Faktion and Chairman of the Board of Calltic.

Mr. De Prycker holds a Ph.D. in Computer Sciences, a Master of Science in



Catherine Rutten

Mrs. Catherine Rutten is Vice-President International, Government Affairs & Public Policy at Vertex Pharmaceuticals since 1 July 2020. From September 2013 till end of June 2020 she was CEO of pharma.be, the association of innovative biopharmaceutical companies in Belgium. From 2003 to 2013 she has been Member of the Council of the Belgian Institute for Postal Services and Telecommunications, the Belgian regulator for electronic communications, for the postal market, the electromagnetic spectrum of radio frequencies, and media regulator in the Brussels-Capital Region. Prior to that, she worked as Director Regulatory Affairs at the Belgian branch of BT. She started her career as a lawyer,

member of the Brussels Bar, in 1994.

She is member of the board of Women on Board. Mrs. Rutten holds a Degree in Law from the University of Leuven and the University of Namur, a LL.M. in intellectual property law from the London School of Economics and Political Science and a LL.M. in European Law from the College of Europe.



Cécile Coune

Cécile Coune has led a dual executive career, operating as CEO for more than 15 years in the financial sector while working as a partner in a leading law firm.

From 2012 to 2018, Cécile Coune was at the helm of Aviabel, a Belgian company specialized in aviation insurance and reinsurance, until its takeover by international player AXIS Capital Ltd. A lawyer by training, she was also an associate and then partner at Liedekerke law firm from 2004 to 2012. Prior to that, she spent almost 17 years in the insurance industry, most of which was spent at Chubb, an American multinational company, where she became Managing Director for Belgium and Luxembourg at a very young age and an executive member of the Board of Directors of Chubb Europe. She also headed AXA Art (Benelux), a subsidiary of the AXA Group specialized in art insurance.

She is currently an independent director, serving on the board and committees of several major companies, including Belfius Insurance, QBE Europe and Credendo GSR. Member of various business associations and networks both on international and national level, Cécile Coune is also socially committed to diversity and inclusion. She is co-founder and member of Women on Board since 2009, and co-founder, member and honorary president of European Women on Boards since 2013. She is a mentor at Duo for a Job, an association that promotes the integration of young people with an immigrant background into the labor market, and an independent director of OFC, the French-speaking branch of Broeders van Liefde, an organization that is mainly active in the field of mental health. She is a strong believer in ESG requirements and has recently obtained a certification in Sustainable Finance from the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership. Cécile Coune has won several awards and honors. She was honored to be decorated in 2017 with the rank of Commander of the Order of the Crown by His Majesty Philippe, King of the Belgians, for her contribution to Belgian society.