



## **Dominique Ceolin named President of Middlednext**

Dominique Ceolin, Chairman and CEO of ABC arbitrage, has been appointed President of Middlednext, the French independent professional association representing listed mid caps.

Active for several years within the association, Dominique Ceolin will endeavour to promote this ecosystem that contributes significantly to French economic development. Despite regulatory acceleration of over 10 fold in ten years, overly-weak shareholder education in France and a more too often undervaluation of mid-caps, small and mid cap companies have shown over the last few years very strong value creation. The role of Middlednext and its team has largely contributed to this.

"MIFID 2 will likely result in a further impoverishment of coverage of listed Mid caps, with detrimental impacts for their future valuations. I want to establish a constructive dialogue with the actors of our ecosystem to enhance the value of French listed SME's, and extend the list of potential listings who are sometimes disheartened by the many obstacles they face. Managing a listed company is a wonderful tool for business development and a great human experience. Middlednext demonstrates this every day. I am honored to succeed Guillaume Robin who has defended the interests of the medium sized companies. I will strive, with the support of the Middlednext Board and executive team, to pursue the associations objectives. More than ever, Middlednext is and will remain a core and pragmatic actor, attentive to its members to expedite and facilitate the development of listed SME's. " said Dominique Ceolin.

The Middlednext presidency is based on the unwavering involvement of its board of directors and its permanent team led by Caroline Weber, Executive Director.

Dominique Ceolin has made a commitment to the board of directors of ABC arbitrage that his involvement within the group remains intact.

Actuary graduated from the Institut des Actuaires Français, holding a DEA ("Doctorate") in mathematics and computer science, Dominique Ceolin participated in 1994 in the development of the "Domestic Arbitrage" activity at ABN AMRO Securities France.

He co-founded ABC arbitrage in 1995 and became chairman of the group in 2001.