

PRESS RELEASE

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Nicolas Martin, Secretary General of Hermès, elected President of Unifab

The Union des Fabricants (Unifab), an association dedicated to promoting and defending intellectual property, which brings together more than 200 companies from all sectors of activity, is delighted to announce the election of Nicolas Martin, Secretary General of Hermès, as its President.

He succeeds Christian Peugeot.

A member of Unifab since 1953 and long deeply committed to creation and innovation, Hermès joined the Board of Directors in 2011. Nicolas Martin was then appointed Vice-President in 2019 and today becomes President of the association.



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Nicolas Martin
Secretary General of Hermès

A graduate of Université Lyon III with a Master 2 in Business Law, Nicolas Martin began his career in 1998 at the law firm Marval O'Farrell & Mairal in Buenos Aires. He joined Hermès in 2001 as Intellectual Property Counsel, before serving, from 2007 to 2010, as Senior Counsel and then Legal Director at the European subsidiary of the Ralph Lauren group in Geneva.

Returning to Hermès in 2010, he held successive positions as Intellectual Property Director, then Deputy Legal Director in 2016, before being appointed Group Legal Director in 2019. Last July, Nicolas Martin joined the Executive Committee of Hermès International as Secretary General, overseeing the Group Legal Department, Hermès Services Groupe, the Audit and Risk Department and the Real Estate Department.

This appointment, unanimously approved by the members of the Board, continues the work led by Christian Peugeot over 17 years. Unifab warmly thanks him for his unwavering commitment to the fight against counterfeiting and for his many human qualities.

Nicolas Martin will be supported by three Vice-Presidents: Philippe Lacoste, Co-Chairman of Fusalp; Jérôme Sibille, Director of General Administration & Legal Affairs at the LVMH group; and Delphine de Chalvron, Legal Director, Intellectual Property and Media at L'Oréal.

Philippe Coen, Legal Vice-President at Walt Disney, is appointed Secretary General of the association, while Thierry Sueur is renewed in his role as Treasurer.

"Intellectual property is a strategic asset that must be protected and defended in order to stimulate creation and innovation and to guarantee access to authentic products and content that comply with our standards. I am keenly aware of the privilege of working on these issues alongside the teams put in place by Christian Peugeot, and I warmly thank him, as well as all the members of the Board of Directors, for the trust shown by this election."

NICOLAS MARTIN, PRESIDENT OF UNIFAB