



**Press Release**

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## **AOG co-opts Vice-Chairman to Board of Directors**

**St. Julians, Malta:** AOG is pleased to announce that its Board of Directors has co-opted Mr. Arnaud Talabardon to the new position of Vice-Chairman of the Board, effective 1 July, 2016. Mr. Talabardon also remains Group Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of AOG.

Arnaud Talabardon joined AOG in 1996, as Deputy Group CFO. He was respectively CFO of the Trading Division (from 2002) and the Trading and Downstream Divisions (from 2004), before being appointed Group CFO in 2006.

“Over his 20 years with AOG, Arnaud has gained extensive and in-depth experience of all the Group’s activities and he will be a valuable addition to our Board,” stated AOG founder and Chairman, Jean Claude Gandur.

Prior to joining AOG, Mr. Talabardon worked in finance in the oil trading industry, including at BNP Paribas Energy & Commodities in Geneva. He has a B.Sc. in International Management from MBA-IMIP in Paris, France, and an MBA from the Rotterdam School of Management in the Netherlands.

AOG’s Board of Directors is now composed of:

- Jean Claude Gandur, Chairman
- Arnaud Talabardon, Vice-Chairman
- Francois Jaclot
- Frédérique Lorenceau
- Peter Newman
- Michael Norris

**About AOG:**

AOG is a privately-owned investment group with a focus on energy, real estate and other capital investments. Founded in 1987 by Swiss entrepreneur Jean Claude Gandur, it developed into a group of energy companies active in Africa and the Middle East, before diversifying into international real estate and other capital investments. Over the years, AOG has earned a reputation as an entrepreneurial investor, with an instinctive ability to recognise new business opportunities and to take bold, but carefully calculated, risks, without compromising its principles of fairness and integrity. AOG employs approximately 1,400 people in Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

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