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# **DIDIER CASAS APPOINTED GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE TF1 GROUP**



**Didier Casas has been appointed General Counsel of the TF1 group with effect from 1 November. He succeeds Jean-Michel Counillon and will join the Executive Committee.**

Didier Casas will be responsible for all the Group's institutional relations and regulatory issues, legal affairs, and matters relating to ethics and compliance. He will be supported in this role by Sébastien Frapier (Head of Legal Affairs), Nathalie Lasnon (Head of Regulatory Affairs & Competition), and Peggy Le Gouvello (Head of External Relations with policy-making bodies).

**Gilles Pelisson, Chairman & CEO of the TF1 group, says:** *"Didier Casas has a wealth of experience and a deep understanding of French institutions and the telecoms sector. That means he is uniquely placed to deal with our institutional relations projects. I wish Didier every success, and know I can rely on his colleagues in the General Counsel's department and Legal Affairs to support him as he takes up his new post. I would also like to thank Jean-Michel Counillon warmly for his exceptional contribution as General Counsel over the last 33 years. Jean-Michel has won many battles for the TF1 group, and in recent years has successfully overseen the freeview switchover of our LCI rolling news channel as well as making an active contribution to recent regulatory changes in the broadcasting industry."*

### **Didier Casas**

Born in 1970, Didier Casas graduated from Grenoble Institute of Political Science in 1992, and was awarded a Masters of Advanced Studies in law by the University of Grenoble in 1993.

He served as parliamentary assistant to the Member of Parliament and Mayor of Grenoble between 1994 and 1995, before studying at the prestigious *École Nationale d'Administration* (ENA) from 1996 to 1998. After graduating from ENA he was appointed as a senior legal officer at the *Conseil d'État* in 1998, where he was later promoted to the role of Master of Requests. He resigned from public office in January 2020.

Didier Casas served as government representative on the Disputes Assembly, and on other decision-making bodies of the *Conseil d'État* (2004-2007).

A lecturer at the elite Sciences Po school (1998-2000 and 2009-2011) and at ENA (2001-2004), he was also an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Law of the University of Poitiers from 2005 to 2008.

He joined Bouygues Telecom on 1 March 2011 as General Counsel, and was appointed Group spokesperson in 2013. He became Chairman of the Bouygues Telecom Foundation in June 2016, and Head of Administrative Affairs in September 2016.

Didier Casas has twice served as Chairman of the French Telecoms Federation (May 2015-June 2016, and March 2018-May 2019).

From February to May 2017, he was part of Emmanuel Macron's campaign team, before returning to his position at Bouygues Telecom.

He is to join the TF1 group as General Counsel on 1 November 2020.

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