

2026

SEOLLAL NEW YEAR PARTY & BUSINESS AWARDS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, 2026
MONDRIAN SEOUL ITAEWON



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FKCCI
FRENCH KOREAN CHAMBER
주한프랑스상공회의소

ANNIVERSARY
1986-2026
창립40주년

2026

Board candidates





Nicolas Foirien
Country Director & CEO



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Air Liquide (2005-Now)**
 - President & Representative Director, Air Liquide Korea (2022-Now)
 - Managing Director, Air Liquide Engineering Japan (2019-2022)
 - Director, LNG Product Line, France (2018-2019)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- **Ecole Polytechnique – Master of Engineering (MEng)**
- **Mines Paris PSL - Master of Engineering (MEng)**

WHY JOINING FKCCI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

« My commitment to fostering robust Franco-Korean business relations, coupled with my role as CEO of Air Liquide Korea, drives my motivation for joining the FKCCI Board. I aim to leverage my expertise in the industrial sector and my passion for innovation to expand the Chamber's reach, championing initiatives that benefit our members across various industries. With Air Liquide's presence growing significantly in Korea, I expect to support the visibility of French business in the country as well as support French companies in developing in Korea. »



Nicolas PARIS
CEO



RENAULT

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Renault Group** (2015-Now)
 - CEO, Renault Korea (2025-Now)
 - VP, Group Procurement of E-Pwt, Battery, ADAS, Connectivity, Software (2023-2025)
- **Renault Nissan Mitsubishi** (2018-2023)
 - VP, Alliance Global Director of Platform & Chassis (2022-2023)
 - Deputy Regional Purchasing Head, Alliance Purchasing Organization China (2019-2022)
 - VP Purchasing, Renault Nissan Technical Business Center India (2018-2019)
- **Renault Nissan Purchasing Organisation**
 - Supplier Account Manager (2015-2022)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- **Reims Management School, France** (2006) - Master's degree of Purchasing Management
- **School Augustin Thierry, France** (2002) - Bachelor's Degree of Purchase & Quality of Industrial products

WHY JOINING FKCCI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

« As CEO of Renault Korea and with more than 20 years of experience in the automotive industry, I am eager to contribute my experience in leading French-Korean collaboration to FKCCI's mission. I want to help strengthen bilateral business ties and promote sustainable growth for our communities. »



Ananda KARA

Vice President of Commercial Korea

DIOR

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Christian Dior Couture (2022-Now)**
Vice President of Commercial, Republic of Korea (2025-Now)
Director of Development & Retail Performance, Europe, Middle-East & Africa (2022-2025)
- **Celine (2017-2022)**
Vice President, Canada (2019-2022)
Retail Director, France & Monaco (2017-2019)
- **Louis Vuitton (2011-2016)**
Store Director, Montaigne (2013-2016)
Women's Division Manager, Champs Elysées Maison (2011-2013)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- **Université Panthéon Assas (Paris II),** Maîtrise, Droit Privé
- **Université Panthéon Assas (Paris II),** DEA Finances publiques - Fiscalité

WHY JOINING FKCCI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

« A French businesswoman with more than 25 years of experience in the luxury industry. I have developed the business of international brands across Europe, North America, and India. As an FKCCI Board Member, I would bring a pragmatic, business-driven perspective and a deep understanding of the French business ecosystem. I am strongly committed to supporting FKCCI initiatives, especially in the context of the 140th anniversary of diplomatic relations between France and Korea.



François PIOLET
Country Director & CEO



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Thales International – Republic of Korea (2024-Now)**
Country Director & CEO, Thales Korea - Leads operations across Defense, Aerospace, and Digital in South Korea
- **Thales Asia – Singapour (2020-2024)**
VP, General Manager, Asia Pacific China India Aviation Global Services
- **Thales Avionics – France (2000-2019)**
VP, General Manager, Europe, Middle East, Africa & CIS, Aerospace, and Aviation Services
- **Airbus Group (1990-2000)**
Head of Commercial & Programme Activities, Aviation and Defense & Space Programmes

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

ENAC – Ecole Nationale de l'Aviation Civile

WHY JOINING FKCCI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

« Contribute to FKCCI continuous growth and visibility. Bring my expertise in the domains of Aerospace, Defense and Digital (Thales main market segments) to FKCCI to potentially broaden its impact and connections within the related Korean ecosystem. On the personal side, connect with other FKCCI Board members and deepen my understanding of their different fields of activity. And obviously have fun with a friendly and convivial team ! »