Marc Grosser appointed
Auchan Retail’s Human Resources Director

After 38 years at Auchan Retail, Philippe Saudo, the current HR Director, is soon to retire.

Marc Grosser is to join Auchan Retail on 2 May as his successor and, from 1 July, will take over management of the Human Resources department. After 10 years at the Danone Group, he will be tasked with continuing and accelerating the contribution of the human resources department to Vision 2025 and the transformation of Auchan Retail. He will particularly focus on:

- providing support to each of the 14 countries in implementing Auchan Retail’s human project for the benefit of each of its 351,107 employees,
- developing skills to meet the new challenges posed by the transformation,
- preparing Auchan Retail’s teams for the business methods of the future by accelerating their understanding of digital retailing and artificial intelligence.

As a member of Auchan Retail's Management Committee, Marc Grosser will be responsible for Human Resources, Communications and CSR.

Marc Grosser, 50, has a Master’s degree in HR management from Sciences Po Paris. He began his career as an organisation, management and human resources consultant at Cegos and at Bernard Brunhes Consultants. He was then appointed HR Director at T-Systems France, before becoming Group HR Services Director at Laser/Cofinoga. He joined Danone in 2008 as Social Affairs and Corporate Social Responsibility Director (100,000 employees), before becoming worldwide Vice-President HR for the Drinks Division (40,000 employees) in 2012. In 2014, he was appointed Vice-President HR Director for the Africa and Middle East Region. In this role, he oversaw the creation and development of the Africa Strategic Business Unit in 2015, the first cross-category initiative (fresh dairy products, child nutrition, drinks, etc.) at Danone. From 2017 onwards, in addition to his Africa responsibilities, he was the Group’s Head of Corporate Culture, Engagement and Social Innovation.

About Auchan Retail France

Auchan Retail is one of the five largest world-scale food retailers, with operations in 17 countries (revenue of €52 billion in 2017), and covers all food retail formats with 3,778 points of sale under the Auchan banner (hypermarkets, superstores, supermarkets and ultra-convenience stores) alongside online shopping and Drive outlets in certain countries. To build a successful and modern business model, Auchan Retail ensures that its customers are always a core concern, through discount prices, the choice and diversity of its offering, quality of service, tailoring to local markets and factoring in of multi-channel shopping trends. The world’s 35th largest employer, Auchan Retail has 351,107 employees.

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