



## **Résumé of the candidate to the election to the Board of Directors of SGS SA**

### **Paul Desmarais, jr Canadian 1954**

Paul Desmarais, jr has a degree in business studies from McGill University, Montréal and an MBA from INSEAD, Fontainebleau. He has received honorary doctorates from various Canadian universities.

He began his career in England with S.G. Warburg & Co, moving on to Standard Brands Incorporated in New York. In 1981 he joined Power Corporation of Canada, where he is now Chairman of the Board and co-Chief Management Officer. He is a Director of many Power group companies in North America.

Mr. Desmarais is Chairman of the Board of Governors of The International Economic Forum of the Americas, Founder and member of the International Advisory Board of l'Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales (HEC), Founder and Member of the International Advisory Board of the McGill University Faculty of Management and a member of the Principal's International Advisory Board of McGill University. He is a member of the International Council and a Director of the European Institute of Business Administration (INSEAD), National Campaign co-Chair of the Nature Conservancy of Canada, a Trustee of The Brookings Institution, co-Chair of Advisors of the Council on Foreign Relations. Mr. Desmarais was named both an Officer of the Order of Canada and an Officer of the Ordre national du Québec. In 1994 he received l'Ordre de la Couronne (Belgique) and in 2012, he was named Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur in France.

### **Major Board Assignments**

- Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of Pargesa Holding SA (CH)
- Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of Groupe Bruxelles Lambert (B)
- Board member of Power Financial (Can), Great-West Lifeco Inc and its major subsidiaries (Can), IGM Financial (Can) and its major subsidiaries
- Board Member of GDF SUEZ (F), Total S.A. (F) and Lafarge S.A. (F)