Rodolphe Saadé, Chairman and CEO, CMA CGM Group

Born in Lebanon in 1970, Rodolphe Saadé is Chairman and CEO of the CMA CGM Group and Chairman of the board of CEVA LOGISTICS since November 2017. He has vast international experience. After a degree in Commerce and Marketing from Concordia University in Montreal, he founded a water cooler company before joining CMA CGM, led by his father Jacques Saadé, in 1994.

Rodolphe primarily worked in New York and Hong Kong before moving to the head office in Marseille. From 1997 to 2000, he successfully headed different shipping lines before taking the Transatlantic and Transpacific lines under his responsibility. In 2006, he handled DELMAS’ lines expansion in Africa and the Indian Ocean. Appointed Vice Chairman and member of the CMA CGM Group’s Board in 2010, he oversaw the financial restructuring of the Group in 2010.

In 2015, Rodolphe Saadé conducted the acquisition of Neptune Orient Lines and became President of NOL’s Board of Directors in 2016. That same year, he conducted the talks that led to the signature of operational agreement OCEAN ALLIANCE with Cosco Shipping, Evergreen Line and OOCL. On November 24th, 2017, Rodolphe Saade became Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the CMA CGM Group’s Board of Directors.

Since his nomination, Rodolphe Saadé has been implementing a new strategy based on 5 key priorities: the development of the maritime activity; the strengthening of the logistics activity; innovation and digitalization; the development of sustainable solutions, ever more respectful of the planet and human beings; support for our staff members.