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## ● **DAMIEN BOURGAREL APPOINTED LIMAGRAIN'S CEO**

Limagrain's Board of Directors appointed **Damien Bourgarel** to the position of **CEO** on December 14, 2017. He will replace Emmanuel Rougier who will be retiring at the end of 2017.

Damien Bourgarel, 47 years old, has been **Limagrain's Deputy CEO since October 2016** and **a member of the Executive Committee since 2009**. He joined the Group in 2008 as CEO of Limagrain Céréales Ingrédients. Then in 2010, he was appointed CEO of Limagrain Coop\* and Limagrain Céréales Ingrédients. In 2015, he became CEO of Limagrain Vegetable Seeds.

A graduate of the Ecole Polytechnique in 1993 and the Ecole des Mines in Paris in 1995, his first position involved industrial, and then marketing responsibilities in the Unilever Group from 1995 to 2008.

**Damien Bourgarel is joining Jean-Yves Foucault, Chairman and elected farmer, at the head of Limagrain** whose parent company is a cooperative that brings together 2,000 farmer members.

This tandem of **elected farmer** and **salaried top executive** is reproduced within each activity. The **range of perspectives** from board members (who direct and control) and top executives (who propose and implement) allows for a **better understanding of the issues**. This **mode of governance, unique within the wide range of worldwide leaders in seeds**, ensures stability of capital and solid development based on a long-term strategy.

*\* Business Unit which manages all the activities related to the Cooperative members.*

*As the fourth largest seed company worldwide, Limagrain's mission is to move agriculture forward to meet global food-related challenges.*

*Limagrain is a cooperative group founded and managed by French farmers. Its parent company, Coopérative Limagrain, brings together **2,000 farmers** located in the center of France, in the Limagne-Val d'Allier plain.*

*The Groupe creates, produces and distributes **field seeds, vegetable seeds and cereal products**. Limagrain is present in 56 countries and has **more than 10,000 employees**. It makes sales of **more than 2.6 billion Euros** with recognized brands on their markets: LG, Vilmorin, Clause, Hazera, Harris Moran, Jacquet, Brossard. [www.limagrain.com](http://www.limagrain.com) - #Limagrain*

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