



Fimat Group Names Alain Bozzi Vice Chairman

Additional Management Changes in US and Europe

Chicago, IL— November 28, 2001 – The Fimat Group, one of the world's leading global brokerage organizations and part of Société Générale Group, announced today several high-level management appointments.

Leading the list of new appointees, **Alain Bozzi** has been named Vice Chairman of the Fimat Group and European and Asian Zones Manager. Mr. Bozzi has been with Fimat since 1995, currently acting as General Manager of Fimat International Banque (FIB) and Asian Zone Manager.

In his new position as Vice Chairman, Mr. Bozzi will be second in command of the Fimat Group's global operations and report directly to Fimat Group Chairman and CEO Marc Breillout. Mr. Bozzi will be based in London and replaces **Steve Bergan** as European Zone Manager, effective January 2002. Mr. Bergan, General Manager of Fimat International Banque, UK Branch (FIB UK), as well as European Zone Manager, is leaving Fimat to join the parent company, Société Générale in New York, as Head of Commodities, Americas.

New Appointments at Fimat in the USA include:

- **Patrice Blanc** has been promoted to Chairman of Fimat USA, effective January 1st, 2002. Mr. Blanc has been with Fimat since 1989 and has been President of Fimat USA since 2000. He will remain based in New York.
- **Cynthia Zeltwanger** has been appointed Patrice Blanc's second in charge, a role that takes effect immediately. In Patrice's absence, Cynthia will be responsible for the day-to-day decision making at Fimat USA. Ms. Zeltwanger has been with Fimat for 10 years and is currently Chief Operating Officer of Fimat USA and General Manager of the Chicago office. She will remain based in Chicago.

Other new appointments at Fimat in Europe include:

- **François Bloch** has been appointed General Manager of FIB, effective January 1st, 2002. Mr. Bloch has been with Fimat since 1990, currently as General Manager of Fimat USA's New York office. In his new position, Mr. Bloch will be based in Paris.

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- **Nicolas Breteau** has been promoted to General Manager of Fimat UK, as of January 1st, 2002. He has been with Fimat for 8 years, currently as Deputy General Manager of FIB UK. Mr. Breteau will remain based in London.

“We are indeed fortunate to have such a talented pool of people to appoint to our senior management positions,” said Marc Breillout, Chairman and CEO of the Fimat Group. “I am confident that we have the best executive team to lead Fimat as we continue to grow our business around the world.”

About Fimat:

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