Candidate Board Members



Guillaume Boutin

Mr. Guillaume Boutin has been Chief Executive Officer since 1st December 2019 and presides over the Executive Committee of Proximus.

Mr. Guillaume Boutin joined the Proximus Executive Committee as Chief Consumer Market Officer in August 2017. Mr. Boutin is a member of the Board of Directors of Scarlet Belgium. From January 2019 until December 2019, he was also member of the Board of Directors of Proximus Luxembourg which is the surviving entity after the merger between Tango and Telindus Luxembourg.

Mr. Boutin started his career as strategy consultant before joining a web start-up. He then joined SFR where he successively held various positions in strategy, finance and marketing until he joined Canal+ Group in 2015 as Chief Marketing Officer.

Guillaume Boutin holds a "baccalauréat scientifique", followed by a degree in telecommunications engineering (Telecom Sud Paris "Programme Grande Ecole", 1997) and a degree from HEC Paris, "Programme Grande Ecole", obtained in 1999.



Stefaan De Clerck

Mr. Stefaan De Clerck is Chairman of the Proximus Board of Directors since 20 September 2013. He chairs the Proximus Joint Committee, the Proximus Pension Fund and the Proximus Art ASBL/VZW. He is board member of the Proximus Foundation and of Connectimmo. He is also member of the Orientation Council of Euronext, of the Strategic Committee of FEB/VBO, of the Board of VOKA, of the BBR (Benelux Business Roundtable) and of the Bureau of Eurometropole Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai. Before Proximus, he served as a Member of the Belgian Parliament from October 1990 until October 2013. From June 1995 until April 1998 and from December 2008 until December 2011 he was the Belgian Minister of Justice. From 1999 until 2003 he was President of CD&V, the Flemish ChristianDemocratic Party. He was the Mayor of the city of Kortrijk (Belgium) from January 2001 until end-December 2012. Mr. De Clerck holds a Master's degree in Law from the Catholic University of Leuven.



Martine Durez

Mrs. Durez served as Chief Financial and Accounting Officer at bpost until January 2006, when she became Chairman of the Board, a position she held until June 2014. She is a member of the Board of Directors of several companies, including Ethias Co and SNCB (Belgian Railways).

Mrs. Durez was also Professor of Financial Management and Analysis at the University of Mons-Hainaut until 2000. She has also served as a member of the High Council of Corporate Auditors and the Committee of Accounting Standards and as a special emissary at the Cabinet for Communication and State Companies.

She has been a member of the Royal Academy of Belgium (Technology and Society Action) since 2010. She served as a regent of the National Bank of Belgium.

Mrs. Durez graduated as a Commercial Engineer and holds a PhD in Applied Economics from the University of Brussels (ULB).



Isabelle Santens

Mrs. Isabelle Santens was the previous owner and Design Director of Labels of Andres NV, a Belgian fashion company that designs, produces and distributes the ladies clothing brands Xandres, Xandres xline and Hampton Bays.

After studying geography and economics at the KUL, she joined Andres NV in 1985, became Director of Design and then CEO in 2000 until she sold the company to a French listed Company in 2016.

She turned Andres NV from a mere productionoriented facility into a sales and marketing-driven fashion company with a focus on building strong brands, opening pilot stores and building a strong ecommerce site.

She is now active in several boards and in cultural institutions.



Joachim Sonne

Mr. Sonne has over 20 years of experience in Investment Banking. Until September 2019, Mr. Sonne served as Managing Director and Co-Head of the EMEA Telecom, Media and Technology Advisory Group in London at J.P. Morgan. He joined J.P. Morgan in London in 1998 where he focused on clients and transactions in the Media and Telecoms space, worked from 2006 until 2010 in the Communications Group in New York and during 2010/2011 for the German M&A practice of J.P. Morgan in Frankfurt.

Mr. Sonne graduated with distinction from the European School of Management –EAP, Paris-Oxford-Berlin and holds a European MS in Business and Economics, a Diplom-Kaufmann and a Diplôme de Grande Ecole.



Luc Van den hove

Mr. Luc Van den hove is President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of imec since July 1, 2009. Before holding this position, he was Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. He joined imec in 1984, starting his research career in the field of interconnect technologies. In 1988, he became manager of imec's micro-patterning group; in 1996, Department Director of Unit Process Step R&D; and in 1998, Vice-President of the Silicon Process and Device Technology Division. In January 2007, he was appointed as imec's Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer (COO).

Under his guidance imec has grown to an organization with a staff of around 4000 people, operating with an annual budget of around €583M (2018) and with offices in Belgium, the Netherlands, US, Japan, Taiwan, China and India.

Currently, Mr. Luc Van den hove is also professor of Electrical Engineering at the University of Leuven. He is also a member of the Technology Strategy Committee of ASML. He has authored or coauthored more than 150 publications and conference contributions. He is a frequently solicited speaker on technology trends and applications for nano-electronics at major top conferences. He has presented more than 50 key note presentations.

Mr. Luc Van den hove received his Ph. D. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Leuven, Belgium.



Paul Van de Perre

Mr. Van de Perre is co-founder of GIMV (a Venture Capital Firm listed on Euronext) and was formerly a director of Sidmar (Arcelor-Mittal), Thomassen Drijver Verblifa Belgium, Sunparks (a division of Sunair) and other companies.

He is currently director of Greenbridge Incubator (University of Ghent), Scientific Investment Board (University of Brussels), President of the Board of Directors of CityDepot (a subsidiary of bpost) and member of the Investment Committee of Participatie Maatschappij Vlaanderen (PMV).

Mr. Van de Perre is CEO of Five Financial Solutions (a corporate finance house). Mr. Van de Perre is cofounder of Parinsu (an added value company to mature scale-ups) and member of the advisory Board of several high-tech start-ups. He holds a Master's degree in Economics and several postgraduate degrees.