

Alain Closier

Alain Closier is a former member of the General Management Committee of Société Générale Group, a leading French multinational banking and financial services company. Alain has 35 years' experience in banking and international finance: he is, and always was, a passionate creator of successful, innovative new businesses.

Alain is a graduate from École Nationale de la Statistique et Administration Économique (ENSAE) in Paris and a post-graduate in Economics from Pantheon-Sorbonne University, also in Paris. He began his career as an economist before joining the International Treasury Department of Société Générale.

In the 90s, Alain was the brain behind the development of FIMAT. Originally only a French broker, within a few years FIMAT became a worldwide leading international derivative broker with a presence in more than 25 countries.

Alain was also the creator of FIMATEX, precursor of the online brokers. In 2000, FIMATEX was one of the biggest internet IPO on the Paris stock exchange. After several mergers and acquisitions it became BOURSORAMA, the French leader of online banking today.

Alain has been awarded several times by international financial institutions for achievements in his life's work. As Global Head of Société Générale Securities Services (SGSS), Alain was named 'European Asset Servicing Personality of the Year' for 2010 by Funds Europe. His teams were recognised both for their strong emerging markets expertise as well as for their pan-European presence.

While supervising the development of capital venture activities of the bank in the early 2000's, Alain developed a great knowledge of the problems faced by startups in both Silicone Valley and Europe.

Today, when he is not travelling or investing, Alain is counselling companies developing new innovative business, startups, entrepreneurs and large corporations, in order to pass on his experience and knowledge, and to help them create successful businesses in a changing and innovative global market.

