
Thales appoints new chief executive

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Thales has announced the appointment of Dominique Giannoni as the new CEO of their In-flight Entertainment and Connectivity (IFEC) business. With a deep rooted background in aviation and telecommunications sectors, Giannoni has vast business experience that relies on excellence in systems integration and program management.

He joined Thales in 2003 as head of the company's Underwater Systems business line for Submarines and then later leading the Thales Military Avionics Business Line. Prior to Thales, Giannoni held different management positions at Capgemini within the Telecom & Media division as well as with the French Defence Ministry (DGA).

As the new CEO for the Thales IFEC business line, Giannoni will take the business through its next growth phase rounding out the operations advanced products and services with added-value propositions to global airlines.

Commenting on his appointment, Dominique Giannoni said "I am delighted to be taking on this next challenge in such an exciting market, one which has proven to be a key part of Thales's success as a leader in the aerospace industry. Our Inflight Entertainment systems are at the heart of our clients' strategy and we constantly strive not only to simply meet their expectations but to propose innovative and competitive solutions. It therefore gives me great pleasure to become part of the IFEC organization's future endeavours with our airline customers, OEMs and partners".

With its headquarter office in California, the IFEC business is directly associated with Thales' US operation led by Alan Pellegrini, a long-time veteran in the in-flight entertainment market and now non-executive Chairman to the IFEC business in support of the organization's strategic direction and customer relationships.

“This working relationship will highly benefit our customers and our position in the in-flight market. Dominique’s in-depth technical knowledge, aerospace experience and leadership qualities are a perfect fit into the IFEC organization. I look forward to working together with him” said Alan Pellegrini, CEO and President of Thales USA.

Dominique Giannoni is 44 years old. He holds a Master of Science degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), an Engineering degree from ENSTA ParisTech and a Management Degree from INSEAD. He has been admitted to take part in the 65th defense policy session of the Institut des Hautes Etudes de la Défense Nationale (IHEDN).