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## **GUILLAUME DEBRÉ APPOINTED CEO OF LCI**



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**Guillaume Debré has been appointed CEO of LCI, effective 2 September. He will report to Thierry Thuillier, Executive Vice President of News at TF1 Group.**

Guillaume Debré will be responsible for pursuing the expansion of the TF1 group's rolling news channel while stressing its premium positioning. He will also be tasked with revitalising programming and winning new audiences.

He will be supported by the channel's entire workforce and in particular by Bastien Morassi, Head of Editorial, and H el ene Lecomte, Deputy Head of Editorial.

**Says Thierry Thuillier, Deputy Head of News at the TF1 Group:** *"The appointment of Guillaume Debr e will enable LCI to enter a new phase in its development. In carrying out his new role, factors like his wealth of experience in France and the United States, his knowledge of all the skills involved in news (editorial, technical, production), and his reputation with all the group's news division staff will stand him in good stead. I wish Guillaume Debr e every success in his new post, and I know that I can count on all the talents at LCI to make sure this new appointment succeeds, in the interests of producing impartial, high quality news".*

#### **BIOGRAPHY**

A former TF1 Washington correspondent and special correspondent, Guillaume Debr e covered American current affairs for nine years, and in particular the election of Barack Obama as President in 2008.

A graduate of IEP (Sciences Po) in Paris and holder of a Masters in International Relations from the University of Columbia in New York, he joined TF1 in 2005 after working as a journalist at CNN for five years. In New York, he worked with the New York Times and the Christian Science Monitor.

Following this experience he wrote two well-received books on Barack Obama's presidency (*Obama, les secrets d'une victoire*, Fayard, 2008 and *Obama face au pouvoir*, Fayard, 2012).

As special correspondent for TF1 he covered the war in Syria between 2014 and 2016, and the Charlie Hebdo and Hypercacher attacks in 2015, and is one of the few French journalists to have visited North Korea.

Between 2016 and 2022, he was Head of News, supervising the network of regional dailies. In 2022 he was promoted to Deputy Head of Editorial at TF1, and in parallel served as a stand-in Editor in Chief on the channel's weekend and evening news bulletins between 2018 and 2024.

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