

Lionel Zinsou

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, PAI Partners, France

Lionel Zinsou joined PAI in 2008 and is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

Lionel started his professional career as a lecturer and professor in Economics at Paris University and was a member of the department of Industry's Ministerial office and of the Prime Minister's office. In 1986, Lionel joined Danone where he held various positions including Group Corporate Development Director, Managing Director of HP and Lea & Perrins and was a member of the Group Executive Committee. In 1997, Lionel joined the Rothschild Bank as General Partner; he was the Head of the Consumer Products Group, the Head of Middle East and Africa and a member of the Global Investment Bank Committee. He was appointed Chairman and CEO of PAI in 2009.

Lionel graduated from Ecole Normale Supérieure (1975). He holds a master's degree in Economic History and an "Agregation" in Economics and social sciences.