

Philippe Varin



- Philippe Varin started his career in 1978. He held various R&D, Plant and Business Unit Management roles at M in France and the USA and he was the Group Executive Vice President for the Aluminum sector when he left Pechiney to become the CEO of the Anglo Dutch steel company, Corus in 2003. The Corus turnaround ended with its acquisition by the Indian Group Tata in 2007.
- Philippe Varin remained two years with Tata, in Mumbai and in London, and he then moved to the French car making group PSA Peugeot Citroen where he was Chairman of the Managing Board between 2009 and 2014.
- He has then been Chairman of the nuclear energy companies Areva and Orano until 2020. He has also been Chairman of « France Industrie » and Vice Chairman of the “Conseil National de l’Industrie” from 2017 to 2021 .
- Philippe Varin was on the board of Saint Gobain until 2021. In 2020, he was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of Suez that he left in 2022 after leading the defense against the bid of Veolia.
- Philippe has also chaired The World Materials Forum since 2015. In 2022, he has been asked to propose measures for securing the supply of Critical Raw Materials, by the French Government.
- He is operating partner of the GVP Climate investment fund .
- For the last 6 years he has been a member of the Executive Board of the International Chamber of Commerce of which he is currently currently the First Vice Chair .
- He also chairs the French C’Possible Association for professional integration in vocational high schools .
- Philippe graduated from Ecole Polytechnique and Ecole des Mines de Paris. He has been appointed officer of the “Legion d’Honneur” and knight of the national order of Merit in France , and Commander of the British Empire in the UK .