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Safran Discovery Days



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More than 800 Safran group managers came together on March 30 and 31 in Poitiers, central France, for the 5th Safran Discovery Days. This two-day event was created to enable newly hired or promoted managers to discover Safran's organization, markets, products and values, and to foster pride in being part of the Safran group. Featuring both plenary sessions and a special forum to introduce Group companies, Discovery Days offers an excellent opportunity for discussions with corporate management. Participants this year heard presentations by Jean-Dominique Giuliani, president of the Robert Schuman foundation, and Jean-Hervé Lorenzi, president of the French association "Le cercle des économistes", on the major role to be played by innovation in the post-crisis economy. Bringing together employees from all Group companies and some 15 countries, including Brazil, Australia, China and the United States, this event clearly reflects the international scope and diversity of Safran.

3,200 CUSTOMER-FOCUSED ENGINEERS

On March 1 Safran group company Teuchos merged with the Engineering & Technology division of fellow Group company Labinal, creating Safran Engineering Services. The new entity covers the entire system development cycle in its four centers of expertise: avionics and onboard software; electrical systems; aerostructures; and mechanical systems. Although recent, some 60% of its business is already generated by outside customers, including EADS, Bombardier, Valéo and PSA Peugeot Citroën. Safran Engineering Services operates in eight countries to ensure local support for all customers.

→BIOMETRICS

Sleek architecture, maximum security



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Oscar Niemeyer is one of the world's best-known architects. His talents are clearly displayed in the elegant lines of the Cidade Administrativa de Belo Horizonte, the new high-tech building housing the administrative headquarters of the State of Minas Gerais in Brazil, inaugurated early this year. Sagem Sécurité (Safran group) is a world leader in its own right, especially for identification solutions, and was chosen last March to handle security installations for this new building. The Minas Gerais administrative HQ will feature 300 latest-generation MorphoAccess 120 biometric terminals to ensure secure access to the most critical building entrances, using fingerprint recognition technology. Over 33,000 Safran terminals are already deployed in Brazil, confirming the country's confidence in Safran's security expertise.



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million flight-hours logged by the Arriel turboshaft engine since being launched in 1977, illustrating its exceptional robustness.

A NEW LOGO FOR SAFRAN

In May 2010 Safran unveiled its new visual identity, largely based on a new logo, shown to the right. "Our new identity aims to bolster Safran's recognition and image worldwide," said CEO Jean-Paul Herteman. It reflects the Group's recent successes and its long-term strategy. In practice, the change involves a new emblem, a modernized logo and the addition of a line describing the Group's three core businesses. Group companies will also benefit from the change.



Safran's new visual identity will be gradually deployed on all media, including signs, ads, publications, websites, products, etc., over the coming months.

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→PATRONAGE

Solidarity with Haiti

Safran sponsored its sixth concert in the Seasons of Solidarity series in March, given by the Orchestra de l'Alliance at the Gaveau concert hall in Paris. All ticket sales from the concert, totaling 38,125 euros, were donated to Fidesco, a French NGO that has operated in Haiti for a dozen years. Fidesco participates in projects to support development and help local populations in the South. With receipts from the concert, Fidesco can build a grammar school for 500 children in Port-au-Prince, eventually creating more than 30 jobs.

→DRONES

Sperwers look East

In February, Safran welcomed Laïlim Iagmourovitch Berdyev, Defense Minister of Turkmenistan, to discuss a possible future sale of Sperwer tactical drones built by group company Sagem. These drones could shortly be assigned to border patrol duties for this Central Asian country.



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patents published by Safran in 2009, ranking the Group No. 4 in France.



Finger on the Fly: the future of biometric recognition

For the last five years, Safran has recognized employees' innovative ideas that contribute to Group performance. The Group's Innovation Competition is open to all employees and explores advances at all levels within Safran's areas of expertise, to spotlight the creativity and energy of its workforce. The Grand Prize this year went to the "Finger on the Fly" system developed by Sagem Sécurité. This is a very promising biometric acquisition technology, capable of recognizing the fingerprints from four fingers on a moving hand. It should considerably speed up passenger traffic in airports, and further enhance the public's general perception of biometric technologies.

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See the Safran Innovation Grand Prize award ceremony in the Media section of the Safran website: www.safran-group.com

35,000 landings a day!

Safran landing gear chalk up more than 35,000 landings a day on all types of aircraft. These landing gear equip planes ranging from Airbus, Falcon, Bombardier, Hawker-Beechcraft, ATR and Embraer commercial and business aircraft, to fighters such as the Mirage 2000, Rafale, Eurofighter and FA/18, not to mention Eurocopter Dauphin, Puma and Tiger helicopters.

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MARC VENTRE REELECTED CHAIRMAN OF CLEAN SKY

Marc Ventre, Safran Executive Board Member, Aerospace Propulsion branch, has been reelected as Chairman of the Governing Board of the European research program Clean Sky. The aim of this major research program is to identify and develop the breakthrough technologies needed to make tomorrow's air transport more environmentally friendly. With a 1.6 billion euro budget over a period of seven years, Clean Sky brings together European industry, research centers and academia.

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→ EXHIBITION

Safran spotlights technologies in Brussels

Composite fan blades, the FELIN integrated equipment suite for soldier modernization programs, a spaceborne mirror, laser gyros... these were just a few of the Safran technologies on display for European members of parliament and civil servants during a special exhibition organized by the Group in Brussels on May 6. Entitled "From Science to Solutions", the exhibition allowed visitors to discover some of the many innovative technologies developed by Safran. In particular, the Group spotlighted its role in many European research programs, including Openair, to reduce aircraft engine noise, and Turbine, for systems to protect European citizens' personal biometric data. Above all, this day-long event was an excellent opportunity to emphasize technology and innovation as engines of European competitiveness. The event closed with a presentation by Jean-Paul Herteman, CEO of Safran, concerning Europe's research policy in aerospace, defense and security.



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A conference was also organized that included Eric Dautriat, Executive Director of Clean Sky, a Joint Technology Initiative (JTI) that is Europe's largest ever aeronautical research program, and professor Joachim Szodruich, head of the Advisory Council for Aeronautical Research in Europe (ACARE).

The wings of history



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Europe needs space!

December 24, 1979. Christmas Eve that year was a landmark date in the conquest of space: the first Ariane launcher, Ariane 1, lifted off successfully, bringing Europe into the club of spacefaring nations. Today, Ariane is celebrating its 30th anniversary, with the current version Ariane 5. The Ariane program not only gives Europe independent access to space, but is also the world leader in commercial launch services. Ariane 4 logged 116 launches in 15 years, while Ariane 5 has recorded a success rate of 93.75%. Safran has been a partner in the Ariane program from the outset. Today, working in partnership, Safran makes all propulsion systems for the launcher, as well as the wiring harnesses and the gyros for the guidance system. Preliminary studies on a next-generation Ariane 6 are already under way. With Safran's outstanding products and technological expertise, it should be as successful as the previous members of this family.

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