



Mr. Renaud Hamaide UFI President 2013-2014

Renaud Hamaide began his career in a variety of financial and real estate management positions in France. In 1998, he joined Unibail, the leading commercial property company in Europe, as head of their corporate development. After driving their acquisition of different assets in the convention and exhibition industry, Renaud Hamaide eventually took on overall responsibility for this worldwide activity at Unibail-Rodamco.

In 2008, Hamaide was responsible for the merger between the Paris Chamber of Commerce and Unibail-Rodamco assets (exhibition venues and organizing business' owned or managed by each organization. The result joined organizers Exposium and Comexpo to create Comexposium. Exhibition venues Paris Expo and those of the Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry were merged to create Viparis. Since 2010, Renaud Hamaide is CEO of both Comexposium and Viparis.

With over fifteen years of experience in the field of exhibition and venue management, Hamaide has now been chosen by his peers to become the President of UFI, the Global Association of the Exhibition Industry, for a one year mandate beginning in November, 2013. At the head of this association representing the leading exhibition organizers, venues and partners of the industry in 85 countries, Renaud Hamaide will share his passion and professional experience to support the business interests of UFI's members and to promote the exhibition media on an international level.