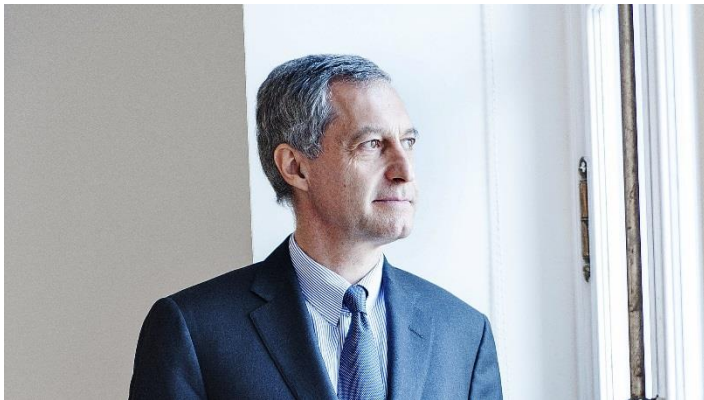




Hot News

*Graduation Ceremony:
words and wishes from
Pierre Gurdjian and
Bruno van Pottelsberghe*

Words from Pierre Gurdjian



First of all, I'd like to say that a graduation ceremony is one of the most significant life-transition events: let's acknowledge the importance of these memorable hours that students, parents and professors have shared.

Secondly, I would like to invoke four mindsets:

For those graduating: a sincere feeling of gratitude for all the love and care they have received from parents, family and friends which has allowed them to become who they are today and who they will become tomorrow.

For parents, family and friends: a well-deserved feeling of pride for the accomplishments of their loved ones.

For graduates: the encouragement to start thinking and shaping a life legacy and not just a career. We are indebted to the world for the talents we have received, and are responsible to use them to the best avail to make the world better.

Lastly, *for graduates again*, my wish that they show unconditional generosity in whatever they do and to whomever they will do it with; those who have received a great deal, need to give in the same manner.

PIERRE GURDJIAN

President of the Board of Directors – ULB

President of the Solvay Schools Alumni (SSA)

About the School

4200 students per year

24.300 alumni in 85 countries

350 outgoing students

130 International Partners in 40 Countries

Words from Bruno van Pottelsberghe

Free inquiry, critical thinking, scientific rigor and the refusal of dogma are the fundamental values of our university and faculty. These values are our common denominator, they gather us: students, professors, researchers and administrative personnel. Every day, they forge our future.

There is, however, a particularity which is nearly similar to dogma...because it is accepted by all. I am referring to the **dynamism**, the **excellence** and the **creativity** of our students who every year – thanks to their entrepreneurial ideas - contribute to make our institution a better school and a more international school.

I congratulate you with all my heart for this important and memorable stage of your life. Above all, I would like to **thank you for your trust**. I wish you a fulfilling and fascinating professional career, in light of our values.

BRUNO VAN POTTELSBERGHE

Dean of the Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management – ULB

