

Press release



## **Paprec continues its 25-year patronage of Opéra de Paris**

***A supporter of Opéra de Paris since 2000 and principal patron of the ballet since 2010, Paprec announced the continuation of its patronage with this flagship institution of French excellence.***

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*“Promoting and supporting French excellence in industry, sport, art, and culture is one of Paprec’s long-standing commitments, and what better example of this French excellence than Opéra de Paris and its ballet, the world’s best!”* Jean-Luc Petithuguenin, CEO and founder of the leading recycling firm and opera aficionado, has been supporting the Paris institution for twenty years.

The founder of the waste management expert company, the ballet’s main patron in 2010, was awarded the Grand Patron of Culture medal by the minister ten years ago. Today, as Opéra de Paris announced its reopening, he announced the continuation of his patronage for the next three seasons.

*“I love to share emotions and introducing this art form to my employees, my customers and partners. Many of them had never set foot in the Bastille or Palais Garnier until we invited them,”* he confided. adding

*“It was essential to me to support the Opéra de Paris teams after this Covid period, which forced them to close the curtains. I am delighted that the shows will be starting again - they have been sorely missed! I can only imagine the artists’ joy at performing again. I can also imagine just how difficult these lockdown periods have been for the dancers I admire so and for their director, Aurélie Dupont, as well as the new head of the opera, Alexander Neef. I salute their ambitions to keep this great establishment among the world’s best, notably for its creative projects.”*

### A propos de PAPREC Group :

*The group was founded and has been headed since its creation by Jean-Luc Petithuguenin. With the acquisition of Coved on 5 April 2017, the recycling specialist has become a specialist in the full waste management chain. Over 25 years, it has grown from 45 to 12,500 employees working at over 220 sites in France and Switzerland. It has a turnover of €2bn.*

*Active in all existing recycling sub-sectors, the group is number one in plastic, paper, cardboard, and building waste recycling, as well as selective household collections. It is number two for the recycling of electrical and electronic equipment, and number three for organic waste, wood, biomass and routine industrial waste.*

*Following the acquisition of Coved, the group is now the third-largest player in the French waste treatment sector and the largest recycling industry player. From the outset,*

*Paprec Group has been known and acknowledged for its commitment to promoting diversity, secularism and the fight against all forms of discrimination within the company. In October 2016, the Paprec Group received the Trophée Global Axa des Entreprises Responsables (Overall trophy of responsible companies, presented by Axa). And in November 2016, Jean-Luc Petithuguenin won the Entrepreneur of the Year award at the BFM Business Awards.*

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