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Pierre Tapie holds an Engineer diploma from the Ecole Polytechnique of Paris (France), a Master of Science in Biochemistry and a Ph. D. in Biophysics from Paris XI Orsay University, an MBA from INSEAD. He studied Theology at the Catholic Institute of Paris.

He began his career during 10 years in research and strategy at the French biotechnology group, Elf-Sanofi. He directed the strategy of the Association for Research on Solar Bioenergy, then its Laboratory on Plant Biotechnology and published 30 articles on related topics.

Subsequently, for eleven years he was Dean of Purpan Graduate School of engineering in Toulouse and CEO of Intellagri, the venture capital company. Committed to entrepreneurship, he coached the creation of 14 ventures. He has worked as a consultant in strategy for various companies.

Pierre Tapie became Chairman of the French Federation of Private Business and Engineering Schools in June 9, 2009. Among his other current responsibilities, Dr Tapie is Vice-Chairman of the National Conference of Engineering and Management Colleges, Member of the National Evaluation Commission of French Business Schools, Member of the National Committee for Private higher education. He is Member of the AACSB Board of Directors and Executive Committee (the Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) and Vice chairman of the Globally Responsible Leadership Foundation.

Pierre Tapie was Dean and President of ESSEC Business School from 2001 to 2013.

As a scholar, he lectures and writes on the challenges and organization of higher education in different regions of the world, global responsibility, and Business in Society. He teaches and writes on Leadership and Business Ethics.

Pierre Tapie is Chevalier of the Legion of Honor, the highest French civil distinction. Married, he has four sons aged 17 to 25.
