

Christophe Charlier

Chairman of the Board of Directors, Renaissance Capital

Career

Currently...

Coordinates the work of Renaissance Capital's board of directors and oversees strategic development, the global brand and relationships with key clients and stakeholders globally.

Previously...

Deputy CEO of ONEXIM Group. Also served in executive positions and on the boards of directors of some of Russia's largest companies, including RusAl, Polyus Gold, Norilsk Nickel and MegaFon, and other companies in financial services, mining, sports and entertainment internationally.

Educationally...

BSE in finance from the Wharton School and BA from the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Pennsylvania.

Career highlight

I have many, from the sale of a strategic stake in Sidanco to BP (my first transaction in Russia, at Renaissance Capital), to the launch of MegaFon, the formation of Polyus Gold, the NBA Nets' move to Brooklyn and the IPO of Française de l'Énergie. And now chairing the impressive team at Renaissance Capital.

Career lowlight

The few I've had were painful but I can confirm the cliché that I learned more from them than my successes.



Personal

Proud father of six

In a relationship for three years with Sonia Hully, Founder and CEO of Nailberry.

Out of office

Family, tennis, skiing, reading history books, film production, discovering new foods and cultures.

Favourite working lunch

I have a favorite in each city I visit regularly: Palazzo Ducale in Moscow, NOK by Alara in Lagos, EstEstAlea in Johannesburg, Abou el Sid in Cairo, Chiltern Firehouse in London...

Favourite afterwork spot

A spot by the water or a terrace: the terrace at the Casbah des Ouddayas in Rabat, the River Cafe in Brooklyn and London, Twelve Apostles in Cape Town, Il Borro in Dubai, Giraffe Manor in Nairobi, Strelka in Moscow...

Outlook

Biggest trends this year

China-US relations. Global climate disruption for the suffering it has the potential to cause, particularly in Africa. And technological developments such as AI, machine learning and 5G.

Greatest opportunities right now

Those new technologies have the potential to transform our lives for the better – including helping countries in Africa and other frontier markets leapfrog earlier technologies – or the worse.

Professional objective

Increase Renaissance Capital's reach in emerging and frontier markets beyond those where we already operate, particularly in Francophone Africa and Asia.

Personal objective

Transforming my farm in France into a sanctuary for cows, sheep and other farm animals.

Terminal Talk

How I use Bloomberg

Since I'm rarely in one of our offices for long, I mainly use the Bloomberg app on my iPhone.

Which function would you struggle without?

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