
Oberthur Technologies – Morpho becomes IDEMIA, the global leader in trusted identities

The result of the merger of Oberthur Technologies (OT) and Safran Identity & Security (Morpho), the OT-Morpho group today became IDEMIA. The group's ambition is to empower citizens and consumers to interact, pay, connect, travel and even vote securely while taking advantage of the opportunities of an increasingly connected world.

At an event that brought together nearly 2,000 guests at the Seine musicale (an iconic cultural venue in the west of Paris, France), **Didier Lamouche, Chairman CEO of OT-Morpho, officially renamed the group IDEMIA.** In a world directly impacted by the exponential growth of connected objects, the increasing globalisation of exchanges, the digitalisation of the economy and the consumerisation of technology, **IDEMIA stands as the new leader in trusted identities** placing "**Augmented Identity**" at the heart of its actions. As an expression of this innovative strategy, the group has been renamed **IDEMIA** in reference to powerful terms: Identity, Idea and the Latin word *idem*, reflecting its mission to guarantee everyone a safer world thanks to its expertise in trusted identities.

This event furthermore provided an opportunity to discover all of **the group's latest innovations.** These include the automated air passenger boarding process, the new generation biometric payment card, and embedded security systems to equip the connected cars of tomorrow.

Supported by a workforce of **14,000 employees from all over the world**, including 2,000 in the Research and Development department, IDEMIA is the result of the merger between OT and Morpho completed on 31 March 2017. Today a leading player in the **identification and authentication** sector, the group serves clients in 180 countries and provides services to **five main customer segments**: Financial Institutions, Mobile Operators, Connected Objects, Citizen Identity, and Public Security.

"Our future will be built through innovation and disruption which will revolutionise our daily lives. Our vision when we merged OT and Morpho was to build a new offer capable of revisiting the world of digital security. And this is what the creation of IDEMIA has achieved. Thanks to our talented people and the solutions they invent, citizens and consumers can now connect, interact, exchange, pay, travel or even vote in total confidence, drawing on the benefits of a connected world," explained Didier Lamouche, CEO of IDEMIA.

"The accomplishment of this promise is what we call Augmented Identity. It is about using the biometric characteristics of each person as a unique signature of individual identity, thus facilitating exchanges. It fosters confidentiality and trust and guarantees secure, authenticated and verifiable transactions. This is a decisive step towards a more frictionless, safer world."

IDEMIA in a few key figures

- 6 main customer segments
- 14,000 employees all over the world, serving clients in 180 countries
- €2.8 billion sales
- €200 million invested in Research and Development in 2015
- Nearly 1,400 patents registered
- More than 500 mobile network operator clients around the world
- More than 3 billion identity documents issued in the world

About IDEMIA

OT-Morpho is now IDEMIA, the global leader in trusted identities for an increasingly digital world, with the ambition to empower citizens and consumers alike to interact, pay, connect, travel and even vote in ways that are now possible in a connected environment.

Securing our identity has become mission critical in the world we live in today. By standing for Augmented Identity, we reinvent the way we think, produce, use and protect this asset, whether for individuals or for objects. We ensure privacy and trust as well as guarantee secure, authenticated and verifiable transactions for international clients from Financial, Telecom, Identity, Security and IoT sectors.

With close to €3bn in revenues, IDEMIA is the result of the merger between OT (Oberthur Technologies) and Safran Identity & Security (Morpho). This new company has a workforce of 14,000 employees of more than 80 nationalities and serves clients in 180 countries.

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