



Guichon Valves joins the Valco Group

An agreement was signed in early December between the two French valve firms allowing Valco to purchase the Guichon company, along with its Asian subsidiaries.

"The complementarities of products and international installations will allow this new enterprise to become a major world player in the technical and specialty valve industry as well in critical industrial processes" says Stephane Galichet, President of Valco Group France, "Guichon is a company that, for almost a century, has specialised in high-end, custom made and multi-technology valves. We were seduced by their know-how and their strong positions in export among leaders of each business sector they address. Guichon products will be able to complete our offering in France, and equally in the different subsidiaries or joint-ventures recently opened (South Africa, Australia, United Arab Emirates and Algeria)".

Guichon will consolidate the portfolio of the SNRI, Malbranque and VVS brands already produced and marketed by other companies in the Valco Group. Its implantation will remain in Chambéry where they recently invested over a million and a half euros in industrial equipment and the extension of their building. Guichon's geographic location will allow the service activity of VVS to have, not only local industrial facilities, but also a strategic proximity with the Rhone Valley and, in particular, its nuclear activities.

Thierry Perrier, President of the Guichon company, will contribute to the development of the Group and follow the development of Guichon as the Managing Director: "After 10 years of uninterrupted growth and profits, we would like to join with a major French Industrial in the sector to increase our weight and ensure our credibility with customers often 1000 times larger than we are! Valco's support will be equally helpful in launching large scale product developments that we were unable to undertake until now. We share an industrial culture with the Valco Group, and with Stéphane Galichet, a vision combining company performance with employee interest."

[About the VALCO Group, France](#)

Founded in 1949 and based in Ruffec (Southwest France), Valco Group France (VGF), owner of the SNRI, VVS and Malbranque brands, and 240 employees strong, achieved a turnover of 43M€ in 2014. Valco is a world leader in the domaine of cryogenic valves for the Liquefied Natural Gas industry as well a recognised industrial expert in the nuclear domaine, with a widely installed base.

[About Guichon Valves](#)

Since 1921, Guichon Valves entirely ensures the design and fabrication of a complete range of custom-made and high performance industrial valves in the petrochemical, chemical, energy, pharmaceutical, nuclear and naval outfitting sectors. Combining experience and mastery of fluid mechanic techniques, Guichon equally offers services such as detailed studies, advisement, audits and industrial valve training.

Certified ISO 9001, 14001, OSHAS 18001 and pioneer in the domaine of Corporate Social Responsibility (ISO 26000), the french alps company exports 85% of its production and employs 75 collaborators for a turnover of around 10M€.