

***Jean-Claude Seys***  
***Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Covéa***  
***(Mutual Insurance Group Company)***  
***Chairman of MMA***



Born on 13 November 1938 and a graduate of the HEC business school and the INSEAD, Jean-Claude Seys began his career as a representative of the Trade Advisor at the French Embassy in Algiers and then in New York.

After two years at the BNP, he joined the Crédit Agricole in 1969 where he stayed 18 years and held various positions including Central manager in charge of development and financial activities, particularly insurance. He became Assistant General Manager of the Caisse Nationale du Crédit Agricole where he stayed until 1986.

Under his leadership, the Crédit Agricole became one of the leading operators on the financial market. In addition he developed life insurance operations through SORAVIE and PREDICA.

1987: he became Chairman of the executive board of the Banque Louis Dreyfus and joined the Financial Commission of the Association Française des Banques.

1990: Jean-Claude Seys was appointed Managing Director of MAAF Assurances and from September 1992 to 11 June 2005, he was CEO. Jean-Claude SEYS remains a director of MAAF Assurances.

Since October 1998, Jean-Claude Seys has held the post of CEO of the MMA mutual group.

1990 to June 2005: CEO of two mutual insurance groups, MAAF Assurances and MMA, Jean-Claude Seys has underscored the usefulness of creating partnerships open to social economy enterprises – provident institutions, mutual banks and savings banks – even if each entity must remain independent and separate.

With this aim, he founded the SGAM (mutual insurance society group) Covéa on 18 June 2003, bringing the MAAF and MMA groups under one umbrella in order to develop joint tools available to other mutual societies and to achieve economies of scale and critical mass. He is currently CEO of SGAM Covéa.

On 15 December 2005, the AZUR and GMF mutual insurance groups joined Covéa, which is now the biggest non-life insurance group in France.

Other posts:

- Member of the FFSA board,
- Chairman of the Savour Club,
- Chairman of Ofivalmo (asset management company owned by France's mutual insurers),
- Chairman of the Cosem (medical clinic),
- Director of a number of companies.

Distinctions: Jean-Claude Seys has been awarded the National Order of Merit and the Legion of Honour.