

Energy Pool becomes a fully independent company

The founders and collaborators of Energy Pool bought back all the remaining shares owned by Schneider Electric (25%) allowing Energy Pool to become the world's largest independent player in the optimization solutions of energy consumption and complex electrical system management.

This shift will lead Energy Pool to reinforce its strategy and independence, to support its clients through every challenge of the energetic transition by optimizing the global design of their complex systems, their consumption patterns, and their energy contracts.

Now, Energy Pool can exclusively focus, only on clients' interest to provide access to reliable, low-carbon energy at an affordable cost. In this regard, a growing number of operators of complex systems (industrials, utilities, local authorities, renewable energy producers...) wish to benefit from Energy Pool's expertise and technology with optimal solutions independent from lobbies, technologies, politics...

The development of intermittent renewable energies, the increasingly complex and constrained management of electricity grid as well as the current unprecedented rise in energy prices energy are further arguments that demonstrate the validity of our business: designing, operating, and controlling all assets belonging to production / storage / consumption systems. Energy Pool has become a worldwide expert in this field and is already present in more than 15 countries (including France and Japan).

On this occasion, its president and founder Olivier BAUD declares *"Between 2010 and 2016 Schneider Electric was a major shareholder involved in the construction phase of Energy Pool, becoming a minor shareholder from 2016 alongside the founders and managers, and ensuring our financial autonomy and I salute its support during all these years. The operation announced today allows Energy Pool to acquire the status of a totally independent company, the only one of its size not to be a subsidiary of a large group and to write a new page of its development. This change in capital structure reflects the confidence in our prospects shown by the partners who helped us finance this independence."*

In the coming weeks, Energy Pool will announce its new ambitious strategy, its growth plan and the new services offered to its customers for which the company already plans to recruit 80 people over 2022.

Jérôme de Parscau du Plessix and Matthieu Meunier, Schneider Electric's representatives on the Energy Pool Advisory Board said *"We are pleased to have supported Energy Pool in its development in France and worldwide. The technologies for optimizing and controlling energy consumption are keys for the energy systems of the future. We wish Energy Pool every success in this new chapter of its history."*

Energy Pool's legal counsel for the transaction is Fidal and RiverRock, financial advisor.

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Energy Pool : Smart Energy Manager of complex systems

Energy pool is a key player in the energy transition, providing advanced services and software solutions for optimizing distributed energy resources, including consumers, renewables and electricity storage solutions. Our mission is to guarantee access to the greatest number of people to a low CO₂, reliable and affordable energy.

Energy Pool has been one of the pioneers in the French flexibility market since 2009, and now has more than 150 employees and manages more than 1500 sites, worldwide. In addition to France, we have also been present in the Japanese and Turkish markets since 2015, and in the Netherlands since 2019, and are leading developments in around 10 countries (Germany, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Thailand, Ivory Coast ...).

The development of our business sector has accelerated over the past two years, encouraged by the European Union and the definition of ambitious objectives to increase flexibility in electricity consumption and to improve energy efficiency. On an international scale, many emerging countries are considering integrating consumption flexibility to avoid costly over-investments which often use hydrocarbons. Moreover, the targets in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions require the electrification and decarbonisation of part of the production chains, which is opening up some excellent prospects for the coming decade. Energy Pool intends to play a key role with its customers and states in their goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050.

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