

Profile - Eric Olsen

Eric Olsen is an American and French citizen.

He joined Lafarge Group in 1999 and served as Group CEO from 2015 to 2017. For the last three years he has led a consultancy firm he founded, advising senior leadership teams and investment funds.

He joined Lafarge North America in 1999, as Senior Vice President for Strategy and Development, leading the integration of Blue Circle's North American operations and restructuring of the cement assets.



He also served as both President, North-East Cement region and Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice-President for Lafarge North America, a NYSE traded company.

From 2007 to 2013, he served as Executive Vice President, Organisation and Human Resources of Lafarge Group. In this role, he led the integration of the Egyptian Orascom, a major acquisition with operations in Africa, Middle East and Asia. Eric Olsen also led the 2012 reorganisation of the Group with a focus on country organisation around end-market segments.

From 2013 to 2015 he was Executive Vice President of Operations, responsible for a third of operations worldwide. He was appointed Group CEO of LafargeHolcim in 2015.

Prior to Lafarge, Eric Olsen started his career in the field of M&A at Deloitte & Touche, Banque Paribas and was one of the managing partners of Trinity Associates for 6 years.

He is a business graduate from the University of Colorado, Certified Public Accountant (Chicago, USA), and holds a Master of Business Administration from HEC international business school in Paris.