



**MEL GROOT**  
**Director (Non-executive)**

Mel Groot (born in The Hague, Netherlands, on October 22, 1959), was the Chairman of the Board of Directors of SAFILO GROUP S.p.A. from March 29, 2010 to October 5, 2011, when he handed over his position, remaining as a non-executive Director of the Board of Directors.

In 1984 he graduated in Civil Engineering from the Technical University of Delft, and subsequently gained a Master's in Business Administration from Columbia University in New York.

After his first work experience with Philips, in 1989 he joined HAL Holding N.V. where he is the Chairman of the Executive Board since October 2014.

Presently he is also Vice-chairman of the Supervisory Board of GrandVision N.V. (non-executive), Vice-chairman of Supervisory Board of Royal Vopak N.V. (non-executive) and member of the Supervisory Board of Anthony Veder N.V. (non-executive).

In the past, Mel Groot held important roles in different companies of the HAL Group among these, he was CEO of Pearle Europe B.V. (2001-2003) and GrandVision S.A. (2005-2006), Supervisory Board member of Pearle Europe B.V. (1996 – 2010), Chairman of Supervisory Board of GrandVision S.A. (2004 – 2010) and Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Audionova B.V. (2011-2014).