



3 Things You Should Know About...

## Laurent Grandidier

**CEO Grandidier has transformed Xeltis from a small research entity into one of the most promising medical device companies globally. Xeltis is the vanguard of a revolutionary approach to cardiovascular intervention and regenerative medicine. Xeltis closed an oversubscribed series B financing round of \$30 million in 2014, extended to \$33 million in 2015.**

### **1 HE IS DETERMINED.**

One of Laurent's inherent qualities was obvious at an early age when he started rowing – going on to participate, twice, in rowing world championships. His determination fueled an exemplary academic career, including an MBA from INSEAD, one of the world's foremost business schools. Laurent then began his professional career at Procter & Gamble as a project leader. Today, his expertise in medical devices is a result of working in leadership positions for companies such as Endosense, as vice president for sales, marketing and global business development; Guidant/Boston Scientific, as international marketing manager; and, Teleflex Medical, as managing director. He has been recognized by *European CEO* as "2015 Best CEO in the Medical Device Industry" for his efforts in leading the transformation of Xeltis from a university spin-off to a clinically successful emerging company.

### **2 HE BELIEVES IN "GIVING BACK."**

Laurent is co-founder of one of France's first social venture funds, **Investir&+**, where he currently sits on the supervisory board. Investir&+ invests in social enterprises that bring innovative solutions to some of society's biggest challenges. Indeed, some investments already have evolved into emblematic socially conscious companies in France. In addition, Laurent is a board member of the Frédérique Constant Foundation, supporting paediatric clinical and research centers for treatment of children and young people with heart diseases in countries where such facilities are unavailable. "We seek to measurably reduce heart disease via charitable donations to applied research projects. We encourage innovative approaches," he says. Recipients of the Foundation's donations include the International Children's Heart Foundation, and the American Heart Association.



Laurent Grandidier, CEO, Xeltis AG

### **3 HE HAS POSITIONED XELTIS FOR GREAT SUCCESS.**

In 2011, Laurent joined Xeltis when it was a small university spin-off trying to improve standards of care in heart valve replacement. Today, Xeltis is in clinical trials developing the world's first-ever bioabsorbable cardiovascular valves and vessels. Under his leadership, Xeltis has evolved from a small university spin-off to one of the most attractive emerging companies in one of the most dynamic sectors within the medtech industry.