

Air Liquide announces a new visual identity

The acquisition of Airgas and the launch of the NEOS Company Program for the period 2016-2020 mark a new milestone in the history of Air Liquide. The Group is transforming and is changing its visual identity with a new logo, the fifth since the company was founded 115 years ago. This new visual identity, which embodies the transformation of Air Liquide, is that of a leading Group, expert and innovative, that is close to its stakeholders and open to the world.

With the acquisition of Airgas, Air Liquide has **grown in size**. Today, the Group counts 68,000 people and serves more than three million customers and patients worldwide. By strengthening its presence in the United States, the world's largest industrial gases market and also a country at the cutting edge of innovation and digital technologies, Air Liquide is entering a **new phase in its development and growth**.

With its NEOS Company Program, Air Liquide is implementing a **customer centric transformation strategy** to deliver profitable growth over the long term. This strategy, in which innovation is the predominant path to growth, is designed to offer new solutions for the challenges posed by the energy and environmental transition, healthcare, and the digital transformation. Air Liquide will thus continue to create value for all of its stakeholders.

This **change in visual identity** thus illustrates the **Group's transformation** and marks a **new milestone in its history**. While maintaining the brand fundamentals – name, color code and construction of the logo – the AL monogram is being replaced by a new brand sign, the “Alpha”, which stands for the beginning of a new phase. The **precision** of the Alpha echoes the Group's **expertise**, its scientific culture and its technological and innovative capabilities. The **roundness** of the sign and the lower case typeface convey the Group's **proximity** to its stakeholders and contribution to major societal challenges. Last but not least, the **elimination of the frame** around the logo suggests the Group's **openness**, whether this be in its way of innovating or its ongoing dialogue with communities.

This new visual identity for Air Liquide is the logical extension of the Group's “Creative Oxygen” signature launched in 2014. Expertise is expressed in the mastery of “oxygen”, the molecule essential to life, matter and energy, while proximity and openness are conveyed in the “creativity” of teams.

Benoît Potier, Chairman and CEO of Air Liquide, commented: *“This new visual identity is a strong illustration of the transformation of Air Liquide. It marks the beginning of a new phase in the Group's history at a time when its size is changing significantly. Thanks to committed and passionate teams, the trust of our customers, and the loyalty of our shareholders, we are confident in the Group's ability to pursue its development and create long-term value for all its stakeholders.”*

To accompany this new visual identity, Air Liquide is launching a multi-channel **communication campaign** **#AirLiquideistransforming** with a focus on digital and social media.

To illustrate the transformation of the Group, the campaign is structured around several topics offering proof of its business transformation, communicated with simplicity in a tone that brings the Group closer to its audiences. It is possible to discover, among other things, an Air Liquide that “is reinventing its classics” when it comes to its innovations in industrial gases, “in tune with its patients’ health” in reference to new e-health services, or that it is “driving a revolution” when it comes to the Group's development in the field of new energies for clean transportation. A video depicting Air Liquide employees, contributing to the Group's transformation, completes the communication package.

Discover the Group's transformation and its new visual identity at airliquide.com and on social media: [@airliquidegroup](https://twitter.com/airliquidegroup) #AirLiquideistransforming and on [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/airliquide).

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The world leader in gases, technologies and services for Industry and Health, Air Liquide is present in 80 countries with approximately 68,000 employees and serves more than 3 million customers and patients*. Oxygen, nitrogen and hydrogen are essential small molecules for life, matter and energy. They embody Air Liquide's scientific territory and have been at the core of the company's activities since its creation in 1902.

Air Liquide's ambition is to lead its industry, deliver long-term performance and contribute to sustainability. The company's customer-centric transformation strategy aims at profitable growth over the long term. It relies on operational excellence, selective investments, open innovation and a network organization implemented by the Group worldwide. Through the commitment and inventiveness of its people, Air Liquide leverages energy and environment transition, changes in healthcare and digitization, and delivers greater value to all its stakeholders.

Air Liquide's revenues amounted to €16.4 billion in 2015, and its solutions that protect life and the environment represented more than 40% of sales. On 23 May 2016, Air Liquide completed its acquisition of Airgas, which had revenues amounting to \$5.3 billion (around €4.8 billion) for the fiscal year ending 31 March 2016. Air Liquide is listed on the Paris Euronext stock exchange (compartment A) and belongs to the CAC 40 and Dow Jones Euro Stoxx 50 indexes.

* Following the acquisition of Airgas on 23 May 2016