



## News & Information

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### **ESSILOR ANNOUNCES EXECUTIVE CHANGES**

*John Carrier appointed president of Essilor of America, Inc.  
Laurent Vacherot to become CFO of Essilor International, S.A.*

**DALLAS** – (January 30, 2007) – Essilor of America, Inc. (EOA) announced today that John Carrier, president of Essilor Laboratories of America, Inc. (ELOA), has been appointed the new president of EOA, effective immediately. John will replace current EOA president, Laurent Vacherot, who will become Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Essilor International, S.A. by the middle of this year. Laurent will replace Fabienne Lecorvaisier, who is interim CFO of Essilor International, S.A.

“We congratulate John Carrier in his new leadership role,” said Hubert Sagnières, Chief Executive Officer of Essilor North America. “We celebrate with Laurent as he assumes this important new role in our company. We are very fortunate to have John in this role given his background and long history with Essilor.”

Carrier joined EOA over 17 years ago, prior to any U.S. laboratory acquisitions. He has been recognized by Essilor and throughout the industry for his leadership abilities as he has continued to assume roles of greater responsibility, including vice president of marketing for EOA and, most recently, president of ELOA. **Photos: *John Carrier\_012.tif, laurent\_vacherot.jpg.***

Essilor is the leading manufacturer of optical lenses in the United States and is the market leader in progressive, high-index and anti reflective coated lenses. A pioneer in the development and production of ophthalmic lenses, Essilor employs more than 8,500 people throughout North America. Essilor manufactures optical lenses under the Varilux®, Crizal®, Thin&Lite®, DEFINITY™ and other Essilor brand names. Essilor Laboratories of America (ELOA) is the largest, and most trusted, optical lab network in the U.S. and offers a wide choice of services and lens brands, including Essilor premium lenses, to eye care professionals across the nation. Essilor of America, Inc. (Essilor) is a subsidiary of Paris-based Essilor International, S.A., the worldwide leader in ophthalmic lenses and a publicly held company traded on the Euronext Paris stock exchange (Reuters: ESSI.PA).

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