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## Best Wishes for 2018!

As another year is coming to an end, we are increasingly confronted with binary judgments and everyone is summoned to take sides. In France you are either right-wing or left-wing. Earlier this year, the French elected a new President who described himself as right-wing and left-wing. Most of our commentators, whether professional or amateur, could not make head nor tail of it. Neither right nor left.... possibly.... but right “and” left?

Another divide: Science or conscience? Yes to biological production but no to biotechnologies. If you dare saying that science has helped reduce diseases and increased life expectancy, you might as well be regarded as someone who is a transhumanist without knowing it.

A new bogeyman has recently appeared: Artificial Intelligence which - it is reportedly bound to happen - will supplant humans, some even adding that it would be no great loss. Again we are summoned to take sides: Artificial intelligence or Man.

In the field of law, judges would eventually be replaced by robots and lawyers by search engines.

We are convinced that the opposite holds true: All the tools that give greater access to information and help better understand information processing will free human intelligence and man’s creative ability.

This is the message that we want to convey through our New Year’s wishes. Our goal is to serve our clients in a more efficient world where ethics, empathy and proximity have their rightful place. We are betting on science and conscience.

A very happy New Year to all of you!

[Jean-Luc Soulier](#), Managing Partner

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