



Siegfried Usal
Vice President, Digital Innovation and
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Siegfried Usal joined Thales in 2013 and is now Vice President of Digital Innovation and General Manager of Thales Digital Solutions.

A graduate of the École de l'air in France in 1992 and of the Canadian Forces College in 2004, M. Usal holds a degree in aeronautical engineering, a master's degree in Aeromechanics, and a master's degree in Defence Studies. A former fighter pilot in France and Canada, Mr. Usal has flown more than 2,500 hours in 75 war missions. Former colonel of the French Air Force, he has held several senior positions in the presidential cabinet of the French Republic, as well as the French Embassy in Canada.

In 2017, Mr. Usal founded cortAIx, Thales' global centre for specialized artificial intelligence (AI) research and technology in Montreal and led the establishment of the Digital Factory in North America. He currently heads Thales Digital Solutions, which brings together, in Montreal and Quebec City, some 100 software engineers and design scientists, the development and deployment of digital technologies and artificial intelligence at Thales, and externally.

In this role, he develops and implements the company's technology and digital growth strategies and advises Thales' North American Executive Committee with the objective of supporting the group's digital transformation.

Honours and decorations:

Knight of the Legion of Honour

Officer of the National Order of Merit

Croix de Guerre, Meritorious Service Medal – Air Division (Canada)

General Campaign Star (Canada)