



## Serge Godin: A Company Leader's Idea of Enjoyment

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### Stéphan Bureau interviews CGI Executive Chairman Serge Godin



The Founder and Executive Chairman of the Board of CGI, Serge Godin. Photo: Canadian Press / Ryan Remiorz

“It’s the first time that I’ve ever run a company that has 400 offices around the world, 70,000 employees in 40 countries. You really have to give it your undivided attention.” That explains why Serge Godin rarely appears in the media. In this interview with Stéphan Bureau, the founder of CGI talks about the importance of enjoying work at his IT solutions company and about his businessman father’s influence on his choice of career.

### Spread the word about enjoyment in the workplace

“What makes a company or project successful? I don’t think it’s ever just one person. There’s no leadership if leadership isn’t shared. For instance, the overarching cultural

objective [at CGI] is to create an environment in which we enjoy working together and contribute to building a company that will be successful.”

“My father was in softwood, I’m in software.”

Serge Godin, founder of CGI

“I come from a family of nine children, and my father, who never went past Grade 5 at school, was an outstanding businessman. Whenever he made a sale or a customer was happy, he was in a good mood and had a smile on his face. That made an impression on me. I said to myself, “Why shouldn’t I?” Is there anything more rewarding than to go back to the office, see your team and be able to say, ‘I just landed a great contract.’ That puts a smile on people’s faces. And there’s nothing better than enjoying your work.”



Quotation from the Founder and Executive Chairman of the Board of CGI, Serge Godin, in an interview with Stéphan Bureau. Photo: Radio-Canada

[Translation of quotation: “The key to CGI’s success is being close to people.”]