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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Pierre Léon-Dufour, the founder of GTM Car Parks, has died**

Pierre Léon-Dufour, one of the founders of car park concessions in France, passed away on 28 July at the age of sixty-five following a long illness. The funeral was held privately on Tuesday, 31 July 2001.

Pierre Léon-Dufour joined the Grands Travaux de Marseille company in 1963, just after graduating from the Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées, and spent his entire career there, retiring a few months ago as Deputy General Manager of GTM Group.

Assigned to design car parks from the time he joined the group, Pierre Léon-Dufour spent most of his career managing public service car park concessions, about which he wrote a number of books. He was successively CEO of GTM-IS, then GTM-DC and ultimately GTM-DS. He created the GTM CAR PARKS brand.

In parallel with his career within the GTM Group, Pierre Léon-Dufour founded the *Syndicat National des Concessionnaires de Parcs Publics de Stationnement* (Syncoparc) (National Association of Public Car Park Concession Holders) in 1980 and served as its President until 1994 when he became Honorary President. He was also Vice-President of the *Association des Promoteurs et Exploitants de Parkings* (APEP) (Association of Car Park Developers and Operators) and a member of the *Conseil National des Services Publics Départementaux et Communaux* (National Council of Departmental and Local Public Services). He was a Knight of the Legion of Honor and the National Order of Merit.

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