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Personal details

Kurt Bock

The annual general meeting of the German Chemical Industry Association (VCI) in Düsseldorf, Germany has elected Dr. Kurt Bock as the VCI's next president. Bock is Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of BASF SE, Ludwigshafen, and has been a member of the association's executive council and board since fall 2011. Bock's two-year term begins on September 24, 2016 and runs as stipulated in the by-laws until the 2018 annual general meeting.

Kurt Bock was born in Rahden, Eastern Westphalia, Germany, in 1958. From 1977 he studied Business Administration at the Universities of Münster and Cologne and Pennsylvania State University, United States. In 1985, he earned his doctorate from the University of Bonn.

In the same year, Bock joined the Finance division of BASF. In 1991, he moved to the Engineering and Plastics division as Director of Technology, Planning and Controlling.

In 1992, he moved to Robert Bosch GmbH, where he served initially as Senior Vice President, Finance and Accounting, later as Managing Director of the company's Brazilian subsidiary. After returning to BASF in 1998, he served as Chief Financial Officer, BASF Corporation, New Jersey, United States. Bock joined the Board of Executive Directors of BASF as Chief Financial Officer in 2003. From 2007, he also served as CEO of BASF Corporation, New Jersey, United States.

Kurt Bock has served as Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors, BASF SE since 2011. He is currently responsible for Legal, Taxes & Insurance, Strategic Planning & Controlling, Communications & Government Relations, Global Executive Human Resources, Investor Relations and Compliance.

Honorary positions: Since April 2012, Kurt Bock has been a member of the United Nations Global Compact Board (UNGCB) and a member of the Board and Executive Committee of the European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC).

Kurt Bock is married and has three children.

The VCI represents the economic policy interests of over 1,650 German chemical companies and German subsidiaries of foreign businesses, acting as a point of contact with politicians, official bodies, other industries, science and the media. The VCI stands for more than 90 percent of the chemical industry in Germany, which earned sales of around €189 billion in 2015 and employs more than 446,000 people.

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