



MARIJN DEKKERS

Chairman of Unilever. fm Chief Executive Officer of Bayer AG.

Categorie

Management & Leadership

Type

Expert | Thought leader, Business leader | Entrepreneur

Inzetbaarheid

Keynote speaker

Talen

English, Dutch

Afkomstig van

The Netherlands

Biografie

Dr Marijn Dekkers was appointed Chairman of Unilever in April 2016. He is also a member of Unilever's Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

Before becoming Chairman of Unilever, Marijn Dekkers was Chief Executive Officer of Bayer AG in Germany (2010-2016) and Chief Executive Officer of Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc. in the USA (2002-2009).

Having received a degree in chemistry from Radboud University in Nijmegen, the Netherlands, and a PhD in chemical engineering from the University of Eindhoven, Marijn began his career in 1985 as a research scientist at General Electric in the US, gaining experience in various units of the company before joining AlliedSignal (subsequently Honeywell

International) in 1995.

In 2000, Marijn became Chief Operating Officer at Boston-based Thermo Electron Corporation, a world leader in the manufacture of laboratory instruments (later renamed Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.). In 2002 he became this company's President and CEO. In 2010 Marijn joined Bayer AG in Leverkusen, Germany, as CEO until his retirement in 2016. Bayer is a Life Sciences company active in the areas of human, animal and plant health.

Marijn also serves on the Board of Directors of General Electric. He holds both US and Dutch citizenships.