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Dr. Kai Beckmann

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Dr. Kai Beckmann, born on September 13, 1965 in Hanau, Germany, joined the Executive Board of Merck since April 2011.

He is responsible for the Electronics business sector (formerly Performance Materials), which he has been leading as CEO since September 2017. In addition, he acts as Country Speaker Germany with responsibility for co-determination matters.

Prior to his current role, Kai Beckmann was Chief Administration Officer of Merck with responsibility for Group Human Resources, Group Business Technology, Group Procurement, Inhouse Consulting, Site Operations and Merck Business Services as well as Environment, Health, Safety, Security, Quality.

In 2007 he became the first CIO of Merck, with responsibility for Corporate Information Services. From 2004 to 2007 he served as Managing Director of the Merck companies in Singapore and Malaysia, and before that he held senior executive responsibility for the Information Management and Consulting unit from 1999 to 2004. Kai Beckmann began his career at Merck in 1989 as an IT system consultant.

Kai Beckmann studied computer science at the Technical University of Darmstadt from 1984 to 1989. In 1998, he earned a doctorate in economics while working. He is married and has one son.

Responsibility for Group functions

- Patents & Scientific Information
- Site Management
- Inhouse Consulting

External Position

- German Federation of Chemical Employers' Associations (BAVC), President
- Confederation of German Employers' Association (BDA), Vice President
- Bundesdruckerei GmbH, Member of the Supervisory Board
- Fraunhofer Institute for Computer Graphics Research IGD, Chairman of the Advisory Board