

Andreas Schmid



Andreas Schmid, a Swiss citizen, has a degree in law (lic. iur.) and business from the University of Zurich.

He began his business career in 1984 at the Union Bank of Switzerland. After working as an assistant to a Swiss industrialist, he went on to serve as the CEO and Managing Director of Kopp Plastics (Pty) Ltd. in South Africa from 1989 to 1992. From 1993 to 1997 he was responsible for the Consumer Goods Division at Mövenpick as a member of the Group Executive Board. In 1998 he became the CEO of Jacobs Holding AG (Adecco SA, Barry Callebaut AG and Brach's Confections Holding Inc.) and was appointed the Chairman of the Board of Directors and CEO of Barry Callebaut AG. In June 2002 he gave up his role as CEO, but continued as Chairman of the Board of Directors until 2005. He then served as the Vice-Chairman until 2014 and afterwards was a member of the Board of Directors until 2017.

Andreas Schmid was the Executive Chairman and co-owner of Oettinger Davidoff AG (2007-2017), Chairman of gategroup Holding AG (2009-2016), Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Symrise AG (2007-2011) and Chairman of Kuoni Reisen Holding AG (2002-2006). He headed the liberal think tank Avenir Suisse from 2014 until 2020 as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Moreover, he was a member the Advisory Board of the Credit Suisse Group from 2001 until the former was dissolved in 2007. And from 2007 until 2009 he was the Vice-Chairman and Lead Independent Director of the Gate Gourmet Group. He was a member of the Board of Directors of Adecco SA between 1999 and 2004. In 2008 Andreas Schmid was elected in the Board of Directors of Steiner AG and two years later in the Board of Directors of Wirz Partner Holding AG, where he took on the role of Chairman in 2017. He has been the Chairman and co-owner of Nüssli AG and back on the Board of Directors of gategroup Holding AG since 2019.

Currently Andreas Schmid is an entrepreneur and since 2017 the Chairman and co-owner of Helvetica Capital AG, an entrepreneurial investor focused on small and medium-sized Swiss businesses. Furthermore, he has been the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Flughafen Zürich AG since 2000.

Andreas Schmid has been a member of the Supervisory Board of Villeroy & Boch AG since 2020. He was elected as Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Villeroy & Boch AG in March 2021.