

Josef Ackermann

Chairman of the Board of Directors,
Zurich Insurance Group Ltd. and Zurich Insurance Ltd.



Josef Ackermann (born 1948, Swiss Citizen) has been Chairman of the Board of Directors of Zurich Insurance Group Ltd and Zurich Insurance Company Ltd since March 2012. Prior to this he served as Vice-Chairman for two years.

After obtaining his doctorate in 1977, he joined Schweizerische Kreditanstalt (SKA). In 1990, he was appointed to the executive board of SKA, becoming its president in 1993. In 1996, Mr. Ackermann joined the management board of Deutsche Bank AG, in 2002, he became spokesman of the management board and chairman of the group executive committee and from February 2006 until May 2012 he was chairman of the management board.

Mr. Ackermann is a member of the supervisory board of Siemens AG (second deputy chairman), Germany, a member of the board of directors of Royal Dutch Shell plc, The Netherlands, and of Investor AB, Sweden, as well as vice-chairman of the board of directors of Belenos Clean Power Holding Ltd, Biel. He is also a member of the International Advisory Board of the National Bank of Kuwait as well as of Akbank, Turkey. Mr. Ackermann also plays an active role in the World Economic Forum (co-chairman of the foundation board), the St. Gallen Foundation for International Studies (chairman), the Foundation Lindau Nobelprizewinners Meetings at Lake Constance (Honorary Senate member) and the Metropolitan Opera New York (advisory director). In 2007, Mr. Ackermann accepted an appointment as visiting professor in finance at the London School of Economics. In July 2008, he was appointed Honorary Professor at Frankfurt's Johann Wolfgang Goethe University. Furthermore, he is an Honorary Fellow of the London Business School and holds an Honorary Doctorate from the Democritus University of Thrace in Greece.

Mr. Ackermann studied economics and social sciences at the University of St. Gallen and received his PhD in 1977.

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