

Tidjane ThiamGroup Chief Executive of Prudential plc



Tidjane Thiam has been Group Chief Executive of Prudential plc since 2009.

He spent the first part of his professional career with McKinsey & Company in Paris and New York, advising insurance companies and banks. He then worked for a number of years in Côte d'Ivoire, where he was Chief Executive and later Chairman of the National Bureau for Technical Studies and Development and a cabinet member as Secretary of Planning and Development.

On returning to France, he became a partner with McKinsey & Company, where he was one of the leaders of the Financial Institutions practice. In 2002 he joined Aviva, successively holding the positions of Group Strategy and Development Director, Managing Director of Aviva International, and finally Group Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, Europe. He joined Prudential as Chief Financial Officer in 2008.

Tidjane is a member of the Council of the Overseas Development Institute in London and the Africa Progress Panel, chaired by Kofi Annan. He is also a member of the UK-ASEAN Business Council and the Strategic Advisory Group on UK Trade and Investment.

He was appointed to the Prime Minister's Business Advisory Group in January 2012. He has been a member of the European Financial Round Table since January 2013. In 2011, he was appointed Chairman of the G20's High Level Panel for Infrastructure Investment in 2011 which conclusions he presented to the G20 Heads of State and Government at the Cannes Summit. He was made a Chevalier of the Légion d'Honneur by the French President in 2011.

Tidjane became Chairman of the ABI on July 3, 2012.