

Jean-Pierre Roth

Chairman of the Board of Directors
Cantonal Bank of Geneva



Jean-Pierre Roth, born in 1946, completed his doctorate in economics at the Institut Universitaire de Hautes Etudes Internationales (Graduate Institute of International Studies), Geneva. In 2009, the University of Neuchâtel awarded him an honorary PhD in economics.

Jean-Pierre Roth joined the Swiss National Bank in 1979 and worked in various sectors of the Bank in Zurich and Berne. On 1 May 1996, the Federal Council appointed him Vice-Chairman of the Governing Board. On 1 January 2001 he was appointed Chairman of the Governing Board.

Jean-Pierre Roth represented Switzerland as Governor of the Washington-based International Monetary Fund (IMF). From 1 March 2006 to the end of February 2009 he was Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank for International Settlements in Basel. At the end of March 2007, he was designated Switzerland's representative in the Financial Stability Forum. At the end of 2009, he retired from the SNB.

In 2010, Jean-Pierre Roth has taken responsibilities in the private sector. He has been appointed member of the Board of Directors of important Swiss companies (Swatch Group, SwissRe, Nestlé) and chairman of the Board of Directors of the Cantonal Bank of Geneva. In 2014 he joined the Board of MKS (Switzerland).

Jean-Pierre Roth is married and has three grown-up children.