



Dr. Franz Richter

Dr. Ing. Physics

Chief Executive Officer

Personal data

Nationality: German; Residence: Eichenau

Year of birth: 1955

Professional career

Franz Richter has been a member of the Supervisory Board of Hoenle AG since 2023. During his secondment to the Executive Board of Hoenle AG, his position on the Supervisory Board is suspended. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of Meyer Burger Technology AG, Thun, Switzerland (subject to debt restructuring), since 2015, its President since 2020.

He was also Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Fraunhofer Institute IZM, Berlin, from 2009 to 2023. After completing his physics studies, he earned his doctorate in physics from RWTH Aachen University. He then worked for fourteen years as Head of R&D, Technical Director, and Chairman of the Executive Board at Süss MicroTec AG, Garching, before becoming President of the Semiconductor Equipment Segment of Unaxis Management AG, Pfäffikon, Switzerland (now OC Oerlikon AG). He then served for seven years on the Board of Directors of Thin Materials AG, Eichenau, a start-up specializing in process development for 3D stacking of microchips. The company was sold to Nissan Chemical Industries, Ltd. in 2013. From 2016 to 2021, he again served as CEO of Süss MicroTec SE, Garching.

Dr. Richter held various offices and honorary positions for several years, including as a member of the Supervisory Board of Siltronic AG, Munich, and as a member of the Board of Directors of Comet Holding AG, Flamatt, Switzerland.

Membership of Statutory Supervisory Boards and Comparable Domestic or Foreign Control Bodies of Commercial Enterprises

Dr. Franz Richter is a member and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Meyer Burger Technology AG, Thun, Switzerland (subject to debt restructuring). Furthermore, Dr. Richter is not currently a member of any other statutory supervisory board or comparable domestic or foreign control body of commercial enterprises.

Independence pursuant to C.6 to C.12 of the German Corporate Governance Code (GCGC) 2022

In the opinion of the Supervisory Board, Dr. Richter is to be classified as independent within the meaning of the GCGC. In the opinion of the Supervisory Board, there are also no personal or business relationships within the meaning of Recommendation C.13 of the GCGC with the Company, its group companies, the Company's governing bodies, or a shareholder with a significant stake in the Company that would require disclosure under the recommendations of the GCGC, nor are there any indications of a conflict of interest within the meaning of Recommendations E.1 to E.3 of the GCGC.

As of: January 1, 2026