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## **Dr. Christoph Franz**

### **Chairman of the Executive Board & Chief Executive Officer Deutsche Lufthansa AG**

Dr. Christoph Franz, who was born on May 2, 1960, in Frankfurt am Main, is Chairman of the Executive Board and Chief Executive Officer Deutsche Lufthansa AG since January 1, 2011. As such, he is responsible for the Lufthansa Group, which comprises the Passenger Airline Group, Logistics, MRO, Catering and IT Services segments and has over 120,000 employees worldwide.

After studying in Germany, France and the USA and earning a doctorate (Dr. rer. pol.) from Darmstadt Technical University, Germany, Christoph Franz joined Deutsche Lufthansa AG in 1990. From 1992 to 1994 he served as a member of the staff team around then-CEO Jürgen Weber which devised and effected the airline's corporate turnaround following the upheavals of the first Gulf War. In 1994, with Lufthansa's turnaround successfully completed, Franz moved to Deutsche Bahn AG, where he held various executive functions over the next nine years. These culminated in his appointment as a Member of the Executive Board and CEO of the company's passenger transport division.

Midyear 2004, Christoph Franz was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Swiss International Air Lines (SWISS). After the successful turnaround of the airline and the integration into the Lufthansa Group, Christoph Franz joined the Executive Board of Deutsche Lufthansa AG in June 2009 as Chief Executive Officer Lufthansa German Airlines, in overall charge of the company's Passenger Airline business. He further served as deputy to the Executive Board Chairman & CEO. Since January 1, 2011, Christoph Franz Chairman is Chairman of the Executive Board and CEO of Deutsche Lufthansa AG.

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