

Christian Stammkoetter

Designated Chief Executive Officer



Taking over as CEO on 1 March 2026

Born in 1971

German national

Christian Stammkoetter has been designated as the Chief Executive Officer, effective 1 March 2026. Christian joins from Danone where he is currently President Asia, Middle East and Africa and a member of the Executive Committee, responsible for 25,000 Danone employees, delivering 4.7 billion Euro in net sales across multi-categories. He is a global business leader with over 25 years of experience in fast-moving consumer goods, from personal care to food, beverage and nutrition, across multiple geographies, with a proven track record of driving sustainable growth and value creation.

Christian brings a strong customer focus and deep consumer understanding and is recognised for strategic thinking, fostering a culture of creativity and innovation, operational excellence and leading high performing teams with purpose.

He began his career in 1997 at Unilever Germany in Marketing & Sales, later founding and leading the tech startup printium.com, serving as CEO. He then held senior marketing roles at Wella AG and, following its acquisition, at Procter & Gamble. In 2004, he became Marketing Director Germany at Numico, which was acquired by Danone in 2007.

From 2007 to 2017, Christian held various general management roles at Danone, including Managing Director for Baby Nutrition in Czech Republic and Slovakia, General Manager for Early Life Nutrition in Russia and Kazakhstan, and General Manager of Danone Waters Spain. In 2017, he became Vice President Integration, successfully leading the WhiteWave acquisition integration. From 2017 to 2021, he was Senior Vice President for Waters Europe, North America, and evian-Volvic-International and joined the Danone Executive Leadership Team, later also heading Danone Waters Worldwide before leading the Global Plant-Based Category in 2022. In April 2022, he was appointed President of the AMEA Zone and Executive Committee member, overseeing operations across Africa, Türkiye, the Middle East, and South and Southeast Asia, with a focus on sustainable growth and value creation.

In April 2024, Christian was appointed President of Food Industry Asia, the leading industry association representing the food and beverage sector across Asia.

A German national, Christian holds a Master of Business Administration (Diplom-Kaufmann) from the University of Muenster.

