

Givaudan Executive Committee



Chris Thoen

Head of Global Science & Technology

Joined in 2011

Born in 1960

American and Belgian national

Chris Thoen began his career in plant genetics and enzyme engineering with Plant Genetic Systems in Ghent before joining Procter & Gamble in Brussels in 1988. Starting out as a scientist in laundry detergents, he took on positions of increasing responsibility before becoming R&D Director, Fabric and Home Care Technology Division in 2003. During that time he led P&G's first open innovation project with BASF. In 2007, Chris moved to the Personal Health Care division as Director of Discovery and New Business Development. In 2009, Chris became Managing Director of the Global Connect + Develop Office responsible for the Open Innovation and Knowledge Management program with external partners at corporate level. His achievements include over 60 patents granted during his career with P&G.

Chris joined Givaudan as Head of Science and Technology for Flavours in 2011. He was appointed Head of Global Science & Technology and a member of the Executive Committee in October 2015.

He holds a Master's degree in Chemistry and a PhD in Biochemistry from the University of Antwerp, Belgium.