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Frans van Houten

Board member since 2017

Nationality: Dutch | Year of birth: 1960

Frans van Houten is passionate about purpose-driven innovation, entrepreneurship and business transformation to drive customer value and competitiveness. Under his leadership as CEO of Royal Philips, the company transformed into a leading health technology solutions company, leveraging data and informatics to improve healthcare provider results, and became a forerunner across ESG dimensions, having become carbon neutral in its operations since 2020 and recycling over 90% of its waste. Mr. van Houten was an initiator of the World Economic Forum Compact for Responsive and Responsible Leadership as well as founder and co-chair of the Platform to Accelerate the Circular Economy.

Professional experience

- CEO and chair of the executive committee and the board of management, Royal Philips NV, Netherlands (2011-2022)
- Interim management, ING Group NV, Netherlands (2009-2010)
- CEO and chair of the management board, NXP Semiconductors NV (formerly Philips Semiconductors NV), Netherlands (2004-2009)
- Various managerial positions at Royal Philips Electronics NV, Netherlands (1986-2004)

Mandates

Current:

- Board chair, Absci Corporation, US
- Board chair, Castor EDC, Netherlands
- Board member, Affidea Group, Netherlands

• Board chair, Synthesis Health Inc. US

Past:

- Member of the steering committee, European Round Table for Industry (ERT), Belgium (2014-2022)
- Vice chair and member of the supervisory board, Philips Lighting, Netherlands (2016-2017)

Education

- Master's degree in economics and business management, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands
- Bachelor's degree in economics, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands

Key skills

- Medicine/healthcare/R&D
- Environmental, social and governance (ESG)
- Data/digital
- Leadership/management
- Finance/accounting
- Law/regulatory/risk management

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