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## EDUCATION

**1991-1995** Studied Chemical Engineering,  
Lafayette College, Easton PA (USA)

**1997-2000** Studied Business Administration,  
Lehigh University, Bethlehem PA (USA)

## CAREER

**2002-2004** Account Manager, Catalysts and Initiators,  
Degussa Corporation, Parsippany (USA)

**2004-2006** Marketing & Sales Manager, Degussa Homogeneous Catalysts,  
Degussa AG, Hanau (Germany)

**2006-2008** Global Marketing & Sales Manager, Personal Care,  
Evonik Goldschmidt GmbH, Essen (Germany)

**2008-2011** Business Director, Personal Care North America,  
Evonik Goldschmidt Corporation, Hopewell (USA)

**2011-2014** Business Director, Personal Care Asia,  
Evonik Specialty Chemicals Co., Ltd., Shanghai (China)

**2015-2019** Senior Vice President & General Manager Business Line  
Comfort & Insulation, Evonik Nutrition & Care GmbH,  
Essen (Germany)

**2019-2020** Managing Director, Evonik Nutrition & Care GmbH,  
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