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Christophe Weber
Representative Director, President & CEO



Christophe Weber is President and Chief Executive Officer of Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Ltd. He joined Takeda in April 2014 as Chief Operating Officer, was named President and Representative Director in June 2014 and was subsequently appointed Chief Executive Officer in April 2015.

Mr. Weber has introduced key transformations within the global organization which focus on the underlying principles of patient- and customer-centricity, accountability and being as agile as possible for a global company. These critical changes will help secure a strong and sustainable future for Takeda.

Mr. Weber has held leadership roles across many different businesses and geographies. Prior to joining Takeda, Mr. Weber held positions of increasing responsibility at GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) including President & General Manager at GSK Vaccines, CEO of GSK Biologicals SA in Belgium, and member of the GSK global Corporate Executive Team. From 2008 to 2010, Mr. Weber served as Asia Pacific SVP and Regional Director at GSK Asia Pacific in Singapore.

Mr. Weber holds a doctorate in pharmacy and pharmacokinetics from the University of Lyon, France. There, he also earned master's degrees in pharmaceutical marketing and in accounting and finance, as well as a bachelor's degree in statistics.

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Rajeev Venkayya
President Global Vaccine Business Unit



Dr. Rajeev Venkayya serves as President of the Global Vaccine Business Unit. He joined Takeda in 2012 to launch the global vaccine business, building upon a longstanding business in Japan. Since then, he has formed a global organization and established a high-impact vaccine pipeline that includes promising late-stage candidates for dengue and norovirus, gained through the acquisitions of LigoCyte and Inviragen Inc.

Prior to Takeda, Dr. Venkayya served as Director of Vaccine Delivery in the Global Health Program at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, where he was responsible for the Foundation's efforts in polio eradication and new vaccine introduction, and a grant portfolio of \$500M/year. While at the foundation, he served on the Board of the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI).

Dr. Venkayya was previously the Special Assistant to the President for Biodefense at the White House. In this capacity, he oversaw U.S. preparedness for bioterrorism and biological threats, and was responsible for the development and implementation of the National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza. He first came to Washington through the non-partisan White House Fellowship program in 2002.

Dr. Venkayya was trained in pulmonary and critical care medicine and served as an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco. He also served as co-director of the Medical Intensive Care Unit and Director of the High-Risk Asthma Clinic at San Francisco General Hospital.

Dr. Venkayya was a resident and Chief Medical Resident in internal medicine at the University of Michigan in the U.S. He completed his undergraduate and medical school education in the B.S./M.D. program at the Northeast Ohio Universities College of Medicine in the U.S., where he was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha honorary medical society.

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Thomas Wozniewski
Global Manufacturing & Supply Officer



In July 2014, Thomas Wozniewski, Ph.D. joined Takeda as Global Manufacturing and Supply Officer. He has more than 20 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry.

Dr. Wozniewski joined Takeda from Bayer Healthcare Switzerland, where he was Head of Product Supply Consumer Care. In this role, he was responsible for the end-to-end supply chain for all Bayer global OTC products. Prior to this, he served as Head of Global Pharmaceuticals Product Supply at Bayer Healthcare AG and Schering AG in Germany.

While at Schering AG, he was also Head of Global Quality, Environment and Safety, leading the development and implementation of an Integrated Management System for the company. Dr. Wozniewski also worked at Boehringer Ingelheim, where he held several positions in Quality & Production.

Dr. Wozniewski earned a doctorate degree in pharmaceutical biology from the University of Regensburg, Germany.