

Dr. Detlef Kratz
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Detlef Kratz was born in Frankfurt, Germany, in 1962. In 1968 he moved to London, United Kingdom, where he lived until 1981. He studied chemistry at the University of Heidelberg, Germany, where he received his PhD in Organic Chemistry in 1991. After spending one year as a postdoctoral research fellow at the California Institute of Technology, Los Angeles, United States, he joined BASF in 1992 and held various positions until 2023. He is married and has two children

Professional Career

2023	Retired from BASF
2022	President, Group Research, BASF SE, Ludwigshafen, Germany
2018	President, Process Research & Chemical Engineering, BASF SE, Ludwigshafen, Germany
2012	Senior Vice President, Corporate Technology & Operational Excellence, BASF SE, Ludwigshafen, Germany
2009	Senior Vice President, Regional Business Unit Industrial Petrochemicals Europe, BASF SE, Ludwigshafen
2008	Senior Vice President, Regional Business Unit Plasticizers and Solvents Europe, BASF SE, Ludwigshafen
2003	Vice President, Regional Business Unit Petrochemicals Asia-Pacific, BASF South East Asia Pte. Ltd., Singapore
2001	Strategy and Technology for Petrochemicals, Plasticizers and Solvents, BASF Aktiengesellschaft (since January 14, 2008 BASF SE), Ludwigshafen
1999	Deputy Plant Manager Oxo-C4 Plant, Industrial Chemicals, BASF Aktiengesellschaft, Ludwigshafen
1992	Joined Basic Chemicals Research division at BASF Aktiengesellschaft, Ludwigshafen
