



Michael Halbherr
Member of the Board of Directors

Nationality: Swiss

Born: 1964

Skills and experience

Michael Halbherr has extensive experience in the technology industry, serving as an investor, active board member and advisor for young, aspiring companies in many different areas including digital mapping, mobility technology, mobile operating systems, and industrial applications. He held leadership roles in Nokia Corporation from 2006 to 2014, including serving from 2011 to 2014 as member of Nokia's leadership team and later as CEO of HERE BV, a fully owned Nokia company and a leading company in automotive location technologies. From 2001 to 2006 he served as CEO of gate5, a Berlin-based mobile phone software startup, which Nokia acquired in 2006. From 2000 to 2001 he was a managing director at Europeatweb, an investor into gate5 and venture arm of Groupe Arnault. Prior to that he was a manager at the Boston Consulting Group (BCG) from 1994 to 2000, in the company's Zurich and Boston offices, where he was an active member of BCG's technology practice. He began his career at the Laboratory for Computer Science at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), where he worked as a visiting scientist and post-doctoral researcher from 1992 to 1994 with a focus on programming paradigms for massively parallel computers. He joined the boards of Zurich Insurance Group Ltd and of Zurich Insurance Company Ltd in April 2019.

Committee membership

Risk and Investment Committee

Other directorships within the Group

Zurich Insurance Company Ltd

External appointments

Mr. Halbherr is a non-executive director and chairman of German Bionic Systems GmbH in Augsburg, Trafi Ltd. in Vilnius, FATMAP Ltd. in Berlin, and a strategic advisor of Zeotap GmbH. He is chairman of the board of trustees of the Institute for Mobility Research (ifmo), a research facility of the BMW Group.

Educational background

Mr. Halbherr holds a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) in Zurich.