

Curriculum Vitae

William W. George

American, age 65

Function at Novartis AG William W. George was elected in 1999 to the Board of Directors of Novartis AG. He is Chairman of the Corporate Governance and Nomination Committee as well as a member of the Chairman's Committee and the Compensation Committee. He qualifies as an independent Non-Executive Director.

Other activities William W. George is a member of the Boards of Directors of Goldman Sachs* and Exxon Mobil*. William W. George is Professor of Management Practice at Harvard Business School. He is a trustee of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the World Economic Forum USA.

Professional background William W. George received his B.S. in Industrial Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology in 1964 and an M.B.A from Harvard University in 1966. From 1966 to 1969, he worked in the US Department of Defense as a special assistant to the Secretary of the Navy and as assistant to the Comptroller. After serving as President of Litton Microwave Cooking Products, William W. George held a series of executive positions with Honeywell from 1978 to 1989. He served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Medtronic, Inc. and from 1991 to 2001, as its Chief Executive Officer. From 1996 to 2002, he was Medtronic's Chairman. He has served as Executive-in-Residence at Yale School of Management; Professor of Leadership and Governance at IMD International in Lausanne, Switzerland; and visiting Professor at the École Polytechnique Fédérale Lausanne (EPFL), also in Lausanne, Switzerland.



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