



Thomas WILLEMSSEN
President & Chief Executive Officer
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Thomas Willemsen brings over 25 years of extensive international management and leadership experience in the pharmaceutical industry. He joined Tessa from Takeda Pharmaceuticals, where he served as Senior Vice President, Asia Pacific, leading the transformation of Takeda across 10 markets enhancing the focus on rare and genetic diseases, oncology, and vaccines, based in Singapore.

Prior to Takeda, Thomas held the position of Vice President, Oncology at GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) for its Intercontinental & Emerging Markets business, where he was assigned to develop the business' strategy for Asia & Emerging Markets, including Access Strategy and Commercial structure design.

Prior to that, Thomas served as Chairman and General Manager for GSK in China, and as General Manager of GSK Taiwan. He also spent 12 years with Merck KGaA in various commercial and regional roles in the Asia Pacific region, and as the Head of its German Oncology business unit.

Thomas speaks German, English and Mandarin. He graduated with an MBA from Trier University, Germany, and attained a Chinese Language Degree from Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou, China.