



Sven Abend

Sven Abend joins Lonza from Kolb Ltd in Hedingen, Switzerland, where he was appointed as CEO in 2012. An internationally experienced executive in the chemical industry, Sven served as the Business Manager for Kolb's divisions focusing on specialty surfactants and custom manufacturing for the two years prior to that time. He also led integration efforts for two business units and implemented a market-driven strategic approach for the company.

From 2003 to 2010, Sven worked in various corporate key account and global product management roles at Cognis in Germany. Starting as a Global Product Manager and then Product Group Manager, Sven later became the Regional Key Account Manager. He managed key accounts within the specialty and commodity chemicals business after he became the director of Corporate Key Account Management.

For nearly three years before joining Cognis, Sven was a Project Scientist for the R&D Home & Personal Care business at Unilever in the UK.

Sven moved into Unilever after finishing his post-doctorate in the United States at the University of New York in Stony Brook. The post-doc was at the Department of Physics & Astronomy, where he implemented a research program in the field of colloid chemistry. He earned his Ph.D. in Chemistry in 1999 at the Christian-Albrechts-Universität in Kiel, Germany.