



Sven Abend

Sven Abend (1968) became the Chief Operating Officer of Lonza's Specialty Ingredients segment in January 2016. He has been a member of the Executive Committee since July 2014 when he joined Lonza as the company's Chief Strategy Officer.

Sven Abend joins Lonza from Kolb Ltd in Hedingen, Switzerland, where he was appointed as CEO in 2012. 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 roles at Cognis in Germany. Starting as a Global Product Manager and then Product Group Manager, Sven later became a Regional Key Account Manager and a director of Corporate Key Account Management.

Before joining Cognis, Sven was a Project Scientist for the R&D Home & Personal Care business at Unilever in the UK.

Sven finished his post doctorate at the University of New York in Stony Brook in the Department of Physics & Astronomy and earned his Ph.D. in Chemistry at the Christian-Albrechts-Universität in Kiel, Germany.