Dr. Torsten Derr was born in 1970 in Bremen, Germany. He attended the University of Bremen, earning a PhD in Chemistry in 1997. Derr started his career as a trainee in the Research Department of Bayer AG. His trainee assignment was followed by various positions with growing responsibilities within the company. After several years in Bayer AG’s Strategic Planning Group, he became Head of the Marketing & Sales department for plastic intermediates of the Semi-Crystalline Products business unit in 2003. Since 2004, the business unit is part of the LANXESS Group and is today called High Performance Materials.

In 2007, he was appointed head of the Caprolactam business line. On March 1, 2009, Derr was appointed Head of the Material Production Products business unit, and in June 2013, he took over the Keltan Elastomers business unit.

In August 2014, the LANXESS Board appointed him Head of the newly established Commercial & Supply Chain Excellence Initiative.

On April 1, 2016, he will assume the position of Chief Executive Officer of Saltigo GmbH, a wholly-owned of specialty chemicals company LANXESS.

Dr. Torsten Derr is married.

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