

Olympus announces leadership succession plan

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Stefan Kaufmann tentatively appointed new Director, Representative Executive Officer, President and CEO

Japan-based Olympus Corporation has announced that Stefan Kaufmann, the current Director, Executive Officer and Chief Administrative Officer, has been tentatively appointed Director, Representative Executive Officer, President, and CEO of the company effective April 1, 2023.

Yasuo Takeuchi, the current Director, Representative Executive Officer, President, and CEO will serve as Director, Representative Executive Officer, Chairman, and ESG Officer. These changes are scheduled to be formally decided by the Board of Directors at the end of March 2023.

An Olympus veteran with two decades of experience in senior roles, Kaufmann has a background in human resources and a strong track record in driving transformational change for Olympus in the complex Europe, Middle East, and Africa region.

Kaufmann most recently served concurrently as Olympus' Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Strategy Officer, and Chief Transformation Officer, with responsibility for overseeing the implementation of the Transform Olympus programme.

From April 2023, Kaufmann will drive the continued expansion of Olympus in the medtech field and prioritise business excellence as the company adapts to changing clinical needs and stricter ESG (Environmental, social, and governance) requirements.