

Olaf Koch, Berlin, Germany

Partner and Managing Director Zintinus GmbH, Germany
Nationality: German

Olaf Koch was born in Bad Soden am Taunus (Germany) in 1970. He began his professional career as a writer in the technology sector. After completing a degree in business administration from the University of Cooperative Education in Stuttgart in 1994 and a brief occupation at Daimler-Benz AG, he founded the IT Networks GmbH. In 1998, he returned to Daimler-Benz AG, where he headed the Corporate Situation Center and the development of the Corporate e-Business within the Group Development.

In September 2002, he was appointed Vice President Finance & Controlling and joined the Divisional Board of Management of the Mercedes Car Group. In this function, he also assumed responsibility for the strategy department, starting from 2006.

In October 2007, Olaf Koch joined Permira Beteiligungsberatung as Managing Director Operations. There, he worked in the Industrial Products and Services area as well as in Portfolio Management. During this time, he was actively involved in various holdings, among others, at Hugo Boss AG, where he headed the audit committee of the supervisory board for several years.

In October 2009, Olaf Koch was appointed Chief Financial Officer of METRO AG and two years later, in November 2011, Chief Executive Officer. Immediately thereafter, he launched a program for the comprehensive restructuring and realignment of the company from a diversified retail conglomerate to a modern and focused food wholesaler. Olaf Koch left METRO AG at the end of 2020 in order to promote start-ups.

Olaf Koch is a member of the advisory board of Creative Hive - The Company GmbH.

In May 2021, he and his partners founded Zintinus GmbH, a growth capital fund that invests in innovative concepts and more sustainable solutions in the food sector.

Olaf Koch is not a member of any other legally mandatory supervisory boards and comparable supervisory bodies.