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Nationality: German
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EDUCATION

He is a **graduated engineer** in polymer technology, holds a Doctoral degree **PhDr.** in Strategic Management, and a Master of Science **MSc** and a Doctoral degree **Ph.D.** “*Magna cum laude*” in Chemical Sciences of the Technical University Wrocław, Poland, Chemical Faculty, Department of Polymer technology, Reference Prof. Dr. habil. Jacek Piglowski

He is the author / co-author of more than 30 patents and 26 publications

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PIRELLI TYRE SpA, Milan, Italy

<i>Feb 2022 – present</i>	Global Head of Innovation and Material Development, R&D
<i>Sep 2015 – Feb 2022</i>	Global Head of Material Development, R&D
<i>Jan 2012 – Aug 2015</i>	Head of Material Innovation, R&D

PIRELLI DEUTSCHLAND GmbH, Hoechst/Odw., Germany

<i>Jan 2006 – Dec 2011</i>	Head of Material Development and Material Quality, R&D
<i>Jul 2001 – Dec 2005</i>	Manager of the Mixing room, Manufacturing
<i>Jan 1999 – Jun 2001</i>	Manager of the Mixing Process Development, R&D
<i>Feb 1997 – Dec 1998</i>	Internal Consultant KAIZEN Engineering and Spokesman Autonomous Maintenance, Manufacturing

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Since 2022 he's **Member of the Board (CdA) CORIMAV** (Consorzio per la Ricerca sui Materiali Avanzati), among the Università degli studi di Milano-Bicocca and Pirelli Tyre SpA, Milan, Italy

From May 2021 to June 2024 he was **Member of the Board Council of the DKG** (German Rubber association), a nationwide association for research and formation. Since 2024 he became elected **Chairman of the Board of the DKG**, Frankfurt, Germany

In June 2025 he became **Member of the Scientific Committee** of the Fondazione Silvio Tronchetti Provera, Milan, Italy