

# Internationally experienced and locally rooted

Dirk is an internationally experienced professional strongly committed to his local community. For his work he leverages a strong educational background and enjoys outdoor recreation.

## Broad international experience

With clients in Europe, North- and South America, the Middle East and South-East Asia Dirk has worked on a wide range of strategic and operational issues. These included usually cost focused [operational improvement](#) or growth-oriented [new business development](#) initiatives as well as comprehensive [restructuring](#) engagements. In particular in comprehensive restructuring situations, Dirk also assumes [interim management](#) roles allowing direct negotiations with financing partners or labor representatives. In [change-of-ownership](#) situations Dirk has developed strategic divestment or acquisition rationals, conducted commercial due diligences and led large-scale post-merger-integration programs.

From an industry perspective Dirk has focus on established industries such as chemicals, energy, heavy and light machinery and pharmaceuticals.

## Strong local commitment

In his home village Dirk has initiated "[Dorfentwicklung Kaichen](#)", a local organization to support local development which he has been heading since. In addition he is a member of the local parliament and author of several articles on local political topics.

## Solid educational background

Dirk has earned an MBA from Darden Graduate School for Business Administration in Charlottesville, Virginia, USA and a Ph.D. ("Dr. rer. nat.") in Molecular Biology from Philipps-University in Marburg, Germany.

He holds a further graduate degree ("Diplom") in Biology from Philipps-University in Marburg, Germany and has also studied at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA.

## Recreational interests

In his spare time Dirk enjoys outdoor activities such as trekking, mountaineering and leisurely sailing.

For more information please refer to a more detailed [profile and CV](#).