

Board of Directors Co-Chairs' biographies



Dr. Ralf Schneider has been Allianz's Senior Fellow for Cybersecurity and Next-Generation IT since 2023. Prior to this role, Ralf served as the Chief Information Officer (CIO) of Allianz Group from 2010 to 2023, where they played a pivotal role in shaping the company's IT strategy and digital transformation. From 2010 to 2016, Ralf was also an IT Board Member at Allianz Technology, contributing to the technological advancements within the organization. Before that, Ralf held the position of CIO at Allianz Deutschland AG from 2006 to 2010.

Ralf is a recognized leader in the field of cybersecurity, actively participating in organizations such as the "Cyber Security Sharing & Analytics (CSSA) e.V." Additionally, Ralf serves as a Senator of the National Academy of Science and Engineering (Acatech) and as an advisor to the German Research Center for Applied Cybersecurity Athene.

Ralf's academic background is equally impressive, having graduated in mathematics and holding a doctor's degree in computer science. This strong foundation in both theoretical and applied aspects of technology has underpinned Ralf's successful career in IT and cybersecurity.



Dr. Sumit Chanda is the Chief Operating Officer, Atos Group Security. Dr. Chanda brings a wealth of experience to this role, having previously served as the Chair of the Charter of Trust's Global External Engagement. Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Chanda has held various pivotal roles, including Chief IT Security Officer (CISO) for Eviden, and key transformation positions at Barclays Bank, Lloyds TSB Bank, and Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI). His contributions have been recognized with his election

as a Fellow of the British Computer Society. He is a graduate from Oxford University and holds a PhD in Materials Science.