

Strengthening the ETH Foundation's Board of Trustees



New members of the Board of Trustees: Michael Rechsteiner (l) and Fabrizio Petrillo.
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Michael Rechsteiner and Fabrizio Petrillo join the ETH Foundation's Board of Trustees with their many years of experience and extensive network in industry and the financial sector.

Michael Rechsteiner

He has been Chairman of the Board of Directors of Swisscom since 2021. He started his career in 1990 at ABB Kraftwerke AG (later Alstom), where he held various positions until 2000. Most recently, Michael Rechsteiner was the European Head of General Electric's gas works business. Born in Appenzell, he studied mechanical engineering at ETH Zurich and holds an MBA from HSG. He is also a member of the Board of Directors and of the Board Committee of economiesuisse.

Fabrizio Petrillo

Since 2018 CEO of AXA Switzerland. He has been with the insurance group since 2009, including several years as Chief Financial Officer. Before that, Fabrizio Petrillo worked for Swiss Life for seven years after holding positions in consulting. The Ticino native with Italian roots studied theoretical physics at ETH Zurich and business

administration at INSEAD.

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