

## Press release

### Peter Leibinger put forward as the new BDI President

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On behalf of the search committee, BDI President Siegfried Russwurm has proposed Peter Leibinger (57), Chairman of the Supervisory and Administrative Board of Trumpf SE + Co. KG, as his successor. Together with all the Vice-Presidents, I will propose to the General Assembly on 25 November that Peter Leibinger be elected President of the Federation of German Industries (BDI) for the term of office 2025/26,' Russwurm said in Berlin on Wednesday. The Vice-Presidents have discussed the search committee's proposal and are unanimous in welcoming Peter Leibinger's willingness to take on the role. Russwurm (61) will step down as BDI President at the end of the year after two terms in office, as stipulated in the association's statutes.

Leibinger has been Chairman of the Supervisory and Administrative Board of the high-tech company Trumpf since 2023. Prior to that, since 2018, he was the Chief Technology Officer of the group specializing in machine tools and laser technology. Peter Leibinger combines profound entrepreneurial responsibility in highly innovative and competitive industrial sectors with a strong understanding of and sensitivity to the relevant interfaces with politics. He has an excellent understanding of large, medium-sized and family-owned industrial companies. With his long-term and strategically oriented view, he has the best prerequisites to successfully serve as BDI President," said Russwurm.

Peter Leibinger said: 'Germany is in a challenging situation as an industrial location. Continuing weak growth and the need for transformation in the industrial sector are major challenges. As the voice of industry in the political and social dialogue, the BDI faces significant challenges. It is a great honour

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for me that the President and the Vice-Presidents of BDI have proposed me for the role of President in this situation. I am convinced that German companies can play a leading role in international competition thanks to their innovative strength and dynamism. Together with the member associations of BDI, I want to work towards this goal. If we strengthen the forces of growth again, industry can make a significant contribution to prosperity and thus also to social cohesion.

The President of BDI is an honorary position and is elected for two financial years, renewable once.

### **About Dr.-Ing. e.H. Peter Leibinger**

Peter Leibinger was born in April 1967. He holds a degree in mechanical engineering from the Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule (RWTH) Aachen. He has been a partner in Trumpf SE + Co KG since 1994. After initially working as a development engineer in the USA, he has held various management positions within the Trumpf Group since 1999, first in the USA and later in Germany. He has headed the Group's Supervisory and Administrative Board since 2023.

Leibinger is also Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the German Federal Agency for Leap Innovations (SPRIN-D) and Chairman of the Advisory Board of Deutsche Private Equity Investmentgesellschaft. Among other things, he is a member of the Senate of the German Academy of Science and Engineering (acatech) and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Arbeitskreis evangelischer Unternehmer e.V. (Association of Protestant Entrepreneurs). Leibinger is married with four children.

For more information and a picture of Peter Leibinger, please [click here](#).

### **About BDI**

The BDI is the umbrella organisation of German industry and industry-related service providers. It represents 39 industrial sector federations and has 15 regional offices in the German federal states. The BDI speaks for more than 100,000 private enterprises employing around 8 million people. Industry is the basis of the German economy and plays a decisive role in determining the future competitiveness of our country. The BDI relays the interests of German industry to political representatives in Germany, Europe and worldwide. Further information: [www.english.bdi.eu](http://www.english.bdi.eu)