

Bio

Dr. Ilham Kadri

In her 25 years of experience, Dr. Ilham Kadri has held a variety of global roles in Business Leadership, Strategic Planning, Sales, Marketing, Product Management, M&A and Research & Development in public and private companies such as Shell Chemicals-Basell, UCB-Cytotec, Huntsman, Rohm Haas-Dow and Sealed Air.

Kadri was named President of the Diversey Care division within Sealed Air in 2013. As its leader, she was responsible for a turnaround in the business – focusing on delivering improved performance and halting a slide in sales and profit. To achieve this, she reformed the division, leading to four consecutive years of double-digit profitable growth – with improved working capital, an efficient business with 18% less human capital, and three successfully integrated acquisitions.

After the acquisition by Bain Capital Private Equity in September 2017, Kadri was named President and CEO of Diversey. In this role she was responsible for the future direction and growth of the business as a customer-centric global leader in the hygiene and cleaning industry. Under her leadership, the newly spun-off organization maintained its emphasis on performance, service and innovation – all while integrating chemicals, floor care machines, tools and equipment with a wide range of technology based value-added services, food safety services, and water and energy management. Kadri championed resourcing for the development of innovative digital solution in the professional cleaning industry – including her game-changing invention based on sensing and analytics, the Internet of Clean™ (IoC).

On October 9, 2018, Kadri was named Chairman and CEO of Brussels-based Solvey, effective March 1, 2019. Her appointment reflects Solvay's recent journey as a leading company in advanced materials and specialty chemicals with an innovative product portfolio and sustainable solutions to address next-generation mobility and improved resource efficiency.

Kadri is committed to mentoring young women and promoting female leadership in the field of science, engineering and business. Kadri created WIN chapters at Dow and Diversey Care and is an executive sponsor of Diversey's Diversity and Inclusion programs. She founded The Hygieia Network™ in 2014 and with other women leaders works to advance and retain women in all branches and levels of the global cleaning industry, with a special focus on cleaners' advancement through literacy and educational programs.

Kadri serves as a board member for numerous organizations. She is a board member at A.O. Smith Corporation (and a member of the audit committee); the Founder and Chairwoman of the ISSA Hygieia Network; an advisory board member of Catalyst in the USA; and an advisory board member of Leading Executives Advancing Diversity (LEAD) in Europe for the Retail sector.

Kadri is a chemical engineer and has a master's degree in physics and chemistry. She holds a doctorate in Polymers/ Reactive Extrusion.

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