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Uli Stilz did his undergraduate training at the University of Freiburg and the ETH Zuerich culminating with a Master degree in Organic Chemistry. He then moved to the Max-Planck-Institute in Martinsried, where he received his Ph.D. in Biochemistry in 1990. Subsequently, he undertook postdoctoral studies at the California Institute of Technology.

In 1992 he joined Hoechst AG in Frankfurt as Research Scientist working initially on cell adhesion inhibitors. In 1997 he was appointed Research Director in Medicinal Chemistry. As of 1999 he became responsible for Discovery Chemistry at the Frankfurt Research Site. Under his leadership, the team delivered multiple candidates now under clinical evaluation at various stages. In 2007 he was appointed Associate Vice President in Chemical and Analytical Sciences with responsibility for research groups in France, Germany, and the United States.

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