

Dominik Jacqueline A. Smeets

Non-Independent Non-Executive Director

Vice Chairman

Present Directorship within Etiqa Malaysia

Etiqa General Takaful Berhad

Appointed to the Board on

15 October 2023

Age

- 47

Nationality

- Belgium

Qualifications

- Master Degree in Law, University of Antwerp, Belgium
- Master Degree in Business Law (Cum Laude), University of Ghent, Belgium
- Executive Master of Business Administration (Summa Cum Laude), Antwerp Management School, Belgium
- Certificate of Management Excellence, Harvard Business School, United States.

Background/Experience

Mr. Smeets has over 22 years of experience in executive roles across Europe and Asia, including board memberships and CEO roles in insurance partnerships with leading banks in Vietnam and Philippines.

During the first 5 years of his career, he worked as an attorney at Laga law firm (Deloitte), Belgium, from 2002 to 2005, and at the corporate practice of Allen & Overy, Belgium, from 2005 to 2007. In 2007, Mr. Smeets joined the international bank and insurance group Fortis at its headquarters in Belgium as Legal Director in the Investment Banking division and later the corporate holding level. He continued his career in 2010 by joining Fortis' legal successor, Ageas, Belgium, as Legal Director, focusing on corporate M&A and capital market matters. He was appointed as Strategy and Business Development Director in 2012 before being seconded to Ageas' Asian regional office in Hong Kong where he held the positions of Director Strategy and M&A from 2014 to 2016 and Chief Corporate Development Officer and regional Management Committee member from 2016 to 2018 overseeing Corporate Development and M&A.

In 2018, Mr. Smeets moved office from Hong Kong to Manila to head up the Strategy and Business Development department of Ageas' life insurance joint venture in the Philippines, EastWest Ageas Life Insurance Corporation. He was appointed as President and CEO, chairman of the Executive Committee, member of the Bancassurance Steering Committee and Country Manager for Ageas in the Philippines from 2019 to 2021. During this time, he also served as executive member on the company's board and member of the Board of the Philippines' Life Insurance Association during that time.

From 2021, Mr. Smeets was the First Deputy CEO of MB Ageas Life Insurance and Ageas Asia's Country Manager for Vietnam, located in Hanoi. He served as a member of the company's Executive Committee, Bancassurance Steering Committee and a permanent invitee to the company's board and board committees.

Mr. Smeets relocated back to Hong Kong in 2024 to rejoin Ageas' Regional Management Committee as Regional Executive Director responsible for Ageas' South-East Asia businesses in Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and Philippines.
