
Curriculum vitae

Luis CANTARELL

President & CEO, Nestlé Health Science S.A.



Luis Cantarell is the President and CEO of Nestlé Health Science S.A., a wholly owned subsidiary of Nestlé S.A. set up to target a new opportunity between food and pharma.

Nestlé Health Science S.A. became operational on 1 January 2011. Together with the Nestlé Institute of Health Sciences, Nestlé Health Science aims to develop science-based nutritional solutions to deliver improved personalised health care for medical conditions, such as diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular disorders and Alzheimer's disease.

Between September 2008 and December 2010, Luis Cantarell was Executive Vice President of Nestlé S.A., responsible for Zone Americas. Prior to that, from 2005, he headed Nestlé's Zone Europe as Executive Vice President.

Between 2001 and 2005, Luis Cantarell was Senior Vice President in charge of the Group's Nutrition Strategic Business Division, a business he was instrumental in creating, and its first head. He took a central role in shaping Nestlé's nutrition, health and wellness vision and in 2002 became the first Co-Chairman of innéov, Nestlé's joint venture with L'Oréal in the field of nutricosmetics. He was appointed Deputy Executive Vice President of Nestlé S.A. in 2003.

Between 1998 and 2001, Luis Cantarell was Market Head of Nestlé Portugal. He joined Nestlé Spain in 1996, where he ran the Coffee, Culinary and Food Services Division and was a member of the Nestlé Spain Management Committee.

Between 1994 and 1996, he was based at Nestlé Headquarters in Vevey, where he assumed global responsibility for coffee marketing worldwide.

Born in Barcelona, Spain, Luis Cantarell joined the company in 1976, working in the Information Systems Unit at Nestlé Spain. He is a graduate of Barcelona University in Economic Sciences and is also a graduate of the Programme for Executive Development, IMD Switzerland.

Luis Cantarell is Chairman of CM&D Pharma Ltd. (UK) and of Prometheus Laboratories Inc. (USA), a Board member of the Nutrition Wellness Venture AG (Switzerland) and Accera, Inc. (USA), a member of the Strategic Committee of Galderma Pharma S.A. (Switzerland) as well as a member of the Steering Committee of the Nestlé Institute of Health Sciences (Switzerland).

Married, with three children, Luis Cantarell was born in 1952 and speaks five languages: Spanish, French, English, Portuguese and Catalan.