

Mag. DI Robert Ottel, MBA

Robert Ottel, born 1967, was appointed to the Management Board of voestalpine AG in 2004 and has been its Chief Financial Officer (CFO) since 2005. In his corporate function, he is responsible for Accounting, Controlling, Group Treasury, Taxes, Management Information Systems, and Risk Management.

Ottel simultaneously graduated in mechanical engineering from the Vienna University of Technology and in business administration from the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration. In 1997 he began his career at voestalpine as a participant in the Group's "High Mobility Pool" worldwide development program. Within a very short time, Robert Ottel held management positions at the Group's international locations. In 2001 he became Head of the former Motion Division, which was later integrated into today's Metal Forming Division. While on the Motion Division's Management Board, in 2003 he was appointed Chief Operating Officer (COO) on the Management Board of Polynorm NV in the Netherlands. As Head of the Motion Division, in 2004 Ottel also became a member of the Management Board of voestalpine AG. In 2005, after two years as head of the division, he was appointed CFO of the entire Group. In addition to his management activities, he completed post-graduate studies and a General Management Executive MBA course at LIMAK Austrian Business School.

Under Ottel's financial leadership, the Group's internationalization was massively accelerated with more than 30 acquisitions. In 2007/08, for example, during the Lehman crisis the Group acquired Böhler-Uddeholm AG as a "non-rated" company thanks to successful financing and refinancing. He is also responsible for the successful placement and refinancing of bonds—most recently the issue of a EUR 500 million bond. And a new "all-time equity high" of EUR 6.3 billion was achieved at the end of December 2017.

Outside voestalpine AG, Ottel is in the Supervisory Boards of Wiener Börse AG, APK Pensionskasse AG, and Josef Manner & Comp AG. He is also a member of the board of the Federation of Austrian Industries and President of Aktienforum, the Austrian Association of Issuers.