**Curriculum Vitae**

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Thorsten Sauter has served as Chief International Officer and Deputy CEO of Kaufland International from March 2019 until early 2026. In this role, he oversaw operations in seven countries, with combined revenue in the tens of billions of euros and tens of thousands of employees. From 2019 to 2025, he additionally served as Chief Procurement Officer, managing group-wide purchasing spending in the tens of billions of euros. Prior to that, he held senior international leadership positions at Kaufland and, for more than 17 years, at Lidl, including as COO of Lidl France, and COO and Deputy CEO of Lidl Germany. Thorsten Sauter earned his degree in Business Administration at DHBW Mannheim.