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HHL Leipzig Graduate School of Management, the first business school established in Germany, celebrates its 115th anniversary this year. The institution was founded in the Auditorium Maximum of Leipzig University on April 25, 1898, to train young merchants seeking to lead large companies in an appropriate manner. After World War II, it was absorbed into Leipzig University: in 1969, the GDR opened a business school with a focus on domestic trade. In 1992, today's HHL was re-established as a private university by the Leipzig Chamber of Industry and Commerce and the Association of Friends of HHL.

Teaching all its programs in English, HHL has been one of the trailblazers in Germany since the mid-1990s. Long before the financial crisis, HHL was one of the first business schools to focus on the conditions for responsible and sustainable leadership. HHL now responds to the new challenges of leadership in the 21st century through its innovate125 Future Concept, keeping in tune with a holistic approach and expanding the dimensions of effectiveness and responsibility, aided by the perspective of innovation.

On the occasion of the 115th anniversary of HHL Leipzig Graduate School of Management, the school publishes the "11+5 HHL faces?• series introducing personalities connected with HHL.

*** Tessen von Heydebreck (*1945)

Dr. jur. Tessen von Heydebreck has been Chairman of the Supervisory Board of HHL Leipzig Graduate School of Management since November 1, 2009. He succeeded Dr. Bernhard Walter in this position (serving from 2001 to 2009), former Chairman of the Executive Board of Dresdner Bank, Dr. Ludwig Trippen (1998 to 2001), former member of the Executive Board of WestLB and Inaugural Dean of HHL, as well as Prof. Dr. Helmut Sihler (1993 to 1997), former Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Porsche AG and former Interim Chairman of the Executive Board of Deutsche Telekom AG.

Dr. von Heydebreck and, with him, Deutsche Bank are closely connected to HHL. Deutsche Bank set a milestone in the cooperation with the business school in mid-2007 through its endowment of EUR 1,000,000 for the Kramer Foundation of HHL. In 2011, at the same time Prof. Dr. Andreas Pinkwart was appointed Dean, the Stiftungsfonds Deutsche Bank endowment fund established the Chair of Innovation Management and Entrepreneurship at HHL.

Von Heydebreck, who has a doctoral degree in Law, joined Deutsche Bank in 1974. Between 1994 and 2007, he was a member of the Executive Board. During this time, Dr. von Heydebreck's responsibilities included private and business customers as well as asset management. He was particularly interested in establishing and expanding the business in the Central and Eastern European countries, focusing especially on Russia and Poland. In his last position as the Chief Administrative Officer on the Executive Board, he oversaw the areas of HR, Legal, Auditing, Compliance and CSR, and was in charge of the region of Central and Eastern Europe.

Following the 2007 Annual Shareholders' Meeting, he resigned from the Executive Board on grounds of age. He stayed with the company as the Chairman of Deutsche Bank Stiftung until January 1, 2013.

Dr. von Heydebreck is committed to cultural and social causes in various ways. He serves as the Chairman of the Board of Deutsche Stiftung Denkmalschutz (German Foundation for Monument Protection) and Honorary Chairman of the Board of Trustees of IJP Internationale Journalisten-Programme e.V. Until November 2010, he was a member of the Board of Management of the Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations.

In 2007, he initiated the establishment of the German-Polish Foundation for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage and contributed endowment funds.

Dr. von Heydebreck is a member of the Supervisory Boards of Postbank, Vattenfall Europe, the German Energy Agency (dena) as well as the Foundation Board of Dussmann Verwaltungs AG.

With regard to HHL and its innovate125 Future Concept Dr. von Heydebreck says: "HHL must grow in a structured manner and maintain its high standards for quality. Having sharpened its profile, HHL will distinguish itself from its competitors. This is the way to attract more supporters for a broader range of course offerings at HHL and to achieve the increase in student numbers it is striving for.?•

*** HHL Leipzig Graduate School of Management

HHL is a university-level institution and ranks amongst the leading international Business Schools. The goal of the longest standing business school in German-speaking Europe is to educate effective, responsible and entrepreneurially minded leaders. In addition to HHL's international focus the combination of theory and practice plays a key role. HHL stands out for its excellent teaching, its clear research focus, its effective knowledge transfer into practice as well as its outstanding student services. The school offers an 24-month full-time als well as part-time Master program in Management leading to the degree Master of Science (M.Sc.) and also an 18 month Global Executive MBA.HHL's program is complemented by the two-year Euro*MBA-Program, a program based on e-learning (electronically supported learning). A three-year doctoral program, which can be studied part-time as well, completes HHL's courses of study. The department of Executive Education offers company specific and open training programs for advanced education for specialist and leading positions. HHL received the accreditation of AACSB International in April 2004 and was the first German private school to be re-accredited in April 2009. http://www.hhl.de

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