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Robert van de Kerkhof is Chief Commercial Officer of Lenzing AG. In his role, Van de Kerkhof is heading the performance of Marketing and Sales, Corporate Sustainability and Supply Chain. A veteran in the fiber industry with over 25 years of experience, he is also the President of the Austrian Fiber Institute and Vice-President of CIRFS, the European Man-made Fibres Association.

Van de Kerkhof's comprehensive expertise in the international textile industry came from his many years of experience at various international companies and business functions. Van de Kerkhof began his career as an Aeronautical Engineer at Fokker Aircraft, and since then, he has taken up roles in Ten Cate, DuPont de Nemours and INVISTA. In addition to building expertise in various manufacturing components, fibers and raw materials, over the years, Van de Kerkhof also held multiple leadership roles across different business functions. He has successfully led the growth of various business units, including marketing and sales, manufacturing, financial controlling, product development and strategic business development. He also has extensive experience in transforming organizations through technology innovation and value chain optimization.

Van de Kerkhof is married with three children. He holds a B.Sc. in Aeronautical Engineering from Inholland Hogeschool Netherlands and an MBA in International Management.