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## MR. HANS SMITS

MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD ROTTERDAM



### PERSONAL HISTORY

Mr. Hans Smits was born in the Netherlands in 1950. He has a Degree in Civil Engineering from Delft University of Technology and a Masters Degree in Business Administration from the Interfaculty of Business Administration in Rotterdam.

In 2005 Mr. Smits was appointed President and CEO of the Port of Rotterdam Authority, after already having held this position on an interim basis as of September 2004. In 2003 and 2004 he was a director at Arthur D. Little and between 1998 and 2002 he worked for Rabobank Nederland. From 1999 until 2002 as Chairman of the Executive Board and from 1998 until 1999 as Vice Chairman of the Executive Board.

From 1992 until 1998 he was President and CEO of Amsterdam Airport Schiphol. Between 1988 and 1992, and between 1975-1986 he worked for the Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management as Secretary General (1989-1992) and Director General for Transport (1988-1989). In the period of 1975-1986 he held various different positions within the Delta department of the Ministry of Transport, such as Head of the Department of Business Economic Affairs, Head of the Hydraulic Department of the Delta Service Zierikzee, and Head of the Policy Department.

In between his years at the Ministry of Transport, he worked for the Ministry of Economic Affairs (from 1985 to 1988) as Vice-Director General for SME's and Planning, and as a project director on the White Paper for the privatization of the Dutch Mail and Telephone Company (PTT).



Aside from his current position as President and CEO of the Port Authority he holds several auxiliary positions, amongst others as Non-Executive Director of the Sohar Industrial Port Company, Non-Executive Director of KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Jansen de Jong Group, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Ombudsman Foundation and Chairman of the Board of the Ronald McDonald Home in Rotterdam.