

Twist Bioscience Appoints Seasoned Life Sciences Industry Executive Nicolas M. Barthelemy to Board of Directors

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SAN FRANCISCO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 25, 2019-- Twist Bioscience Corporation (NASDAQ: TWST), a company enabling customers to succeed through its offering of high-quality synthetic DNA using its silicon platform, today announced the appointment of Nicolas M. Barthelemy to its board of directors. Mr. Barthelemy brings extensive experience, both as an operational executive and board member, in the areas of biopharmaceutical, life science tools and molecular diagnostics.

"Nicolas brings incredibly relevant global commercial operations and manufacturing expertise that will be invaluable as we continue to innovate to provide exceptional products for our customers," said Emily M. Leproust, Ph.D., CEO and co-founder of Twist Bioscience. "We welcome his strategic insight as we extend our global footprint and expand our product lines for synthetic biology and next generation sequencing."

Mr. Barthelemy brings over 25 years of life science industry expertise to the Twist board of directors. Most recently, he served as president and CEO of Biotheranostics, a privately-held molecular diagnostics company. Prior to Biotheranostics, he served as president of global commercial operations at Life Technologies (now Thermo Fisher Scientific), where he led the organization responsible for \$4 billion in revenue with a total of 3,500 employees worldwide. Before Life Technologies, Mr. Barthelemy served in operational and commercial roles of increasing responsibility, including vice president of manufacturing for Biogen IDEC. He began his career with Merck & Co., Inc. as a project engineer in the vaccine division. Mr. Barthelemy currently also serves on the board of directors of Repligen Corporation, Fluidigm Corporation, Biocare Medical and 908 Devices. He previously served on the boards of Genewiz (now Brooks Automation), Avantor and Essen Holdings, Inc. (now Sartorius AG). He received an M.S. in chemical engineering from the University of California, Berkeley, and an engineering degree from Ecole Supérieure de Physique et de Chimie Industrielles in Paris.

"Twist has a rapidly growing revenue stream from its synthetic biology and NGS products, as well as potential medium and long-term opportunities in biopharma and DNA data storage, respectively," commented Mr. Barthelemy. "I look forward to sharing my experience to continue to drive growth across all areas of the business."

About Twist Bioscience Corporation

Twist Bioscience is a leading and rapidly growing synthetic biology company that has developed a disruptive DNA synthesis platform to industrialize the engineering of biology. The core of the platform is a proprietary technology that pioneers a new method of manufacturing synthetic DNA by "writing" DNA on a silicon chip. Twist is leveraging its unique technology to manufacture a broad range of synthetic DNA-based products, including synthetic genes, tools for next-generation sequencing (NGS) preparation, and antibody libraries for drug discovery and development. Twist is also pursuing longer-term opportunities in digital data storage in DNA and biologics drug discovery. Twist makes products for use across many industries including healthcare, industrial chemicals, agriculture and academic research.

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