

QIAGEN Deep Dive – QIAcuity digital PCR (1/2)



Thierry Bernard
Chief Executive Officer

Thierry Bernard joined QIAGEN in February 2015 to lead our growing presence in molecular diagnostics, which involves the application of Sample to Insight solutions for molecular testing in human healthcare. He was named Chief Executive Officer in March 2020 after serving in this role on an interim basis and became a member of the Managing Board in 2021.

Before joining QIAGEN, Mr. Bernard spent 15 years at bioMérieux SA in roles of increasing responsibility, most recently serving as Corporate Vice President for Global Commercial Operations, Investor Relations and the Greater China Region. Earlier in his career, he held senior management positions at several other leading international companies. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of Neogen Corporation and Bruker Corporation, and previously served as Chair of the AdvaMedDx Board of Directors, a U.S. industry trade association.

Mr. Bernard has earned degrees and certifications from Sciences Po, LSE, the College of Europe, Harvard Business School, Centro de Comercio Exterior de Barcelona and has been appointed Conseiller du Commerce Extérieur by the French government.



Nitin Sood
Senior Vice President
Head of Product Portfolio & Innovation

Nitin Sood joined QIAGEN in 2023 as Senior Vice President, Head of the Life Sciences Business Area, and member of the Executive Committee, and was named Head of Product Portfolio & Innovation in January 2025.

He most recently served as Chief Commercial Officer, MRD, at Adaptive Biotechnologies. He has enjoyed a 20-year career in the diagnostic and life science fields, having also held leadership roles at Guardant Health, PerkinElmer, Agilent Technologies and NuGEN Technologies.

He holds a Master's degree from Delhi University in Molecular Biology and a Master's degree from Ball State University in Computer Science.



Fernando Beils
Senior Vice President
Head of Global Commercial Operations

Fernando Beils joined QIAGEN in 2023 as Senior Vice President, Head of the Molecular Diagnostics Business Area, and member of the Executive Committee, and was named Head of Global Commercial Operations in January 2025.

He has worked in various global leadership roles within the diagnostics industry during his career, and most recently served as Vice President and General Manager of the Genetic Testing Solutions Business at Thermo Fisher Scientific. Prior to this role, he spent over two decades at Siemens in commercial, strategy and finance roles, and in his last role as Global Head of the Molecular Diagnostics Business Unit at Siemens Healthineers.

He earned a degree in Business Administration from EWA Madrid and the University Mosbach School of Business.

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Jonathan Arnold
Vice President
Head of Partnering for
Precision Diagnostics

Jonathan L. Arnold is Vice President and Head of Partnering for Precision Diagnostics (PPD) within QIAGEN's Precision & Insights business area. He leads strategic collaborations with global pharmaceutical partners to advance companion diagnostics and personalized healthcare. Mr. Arnold joined QIAGEN in 2014 as Head of NGS Marketing, leading the commercialization of the GeneReader NGS System. During his tenure at QIAGEN, he has held various leadership roles.

Prior to joining QIAGEN, he held senior management positions at Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics, Bayer Healthcare and Visible Genetics, and has served in various Board and Advisory roles.

He holds a bachelor's degree in Biology from Missouri State University and master's degrees in Molecular Genetics & Microbiology and Management from the University of Florida. Mr. Arnold is a member of the World Economic Forum Precision Medicine Council.



Huw Ricketts
Senior Director
Head of Global Digital PCR

Huw Ricketts is Senior Director and Head of Global Digital PCR at QIAGEN. Since taking on his current role, he has been leading the overall growth strategy for QIAcuity. He leads a team of product and market development managers who support product development, life cycle management and market segment growth alongside QIAGEN's regional teams.

Dr. Ricketts re-joined QIAGEN in 2023 within the Partnering for Precision Diagnostics team, focusing on pharma, laboratory and diagnostic partners to enable digital PCR IVD development. Prior to returning to QIAGEN, he led pharma business development at Inivata, a UK-based life science company with an innovative MRD and ctDNA monitoring technology. He began his career at QIAGEN and has more than 20 years of experience within diagnostics and life science, particularly within precision medicine and companion diagnostics.

He holds a Ph.D. in molecular biology and a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from Cardiff University in the UK.