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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

In 1896 Fritz Hoffmann-La Roche founded what would become Roche, an international pharmaceutical and diagnostics company. Headquartered in Basel, Switzerland, Roche is a leader in research-focused healthcare and the world's largest biotech company with research and medicines in oncology, neuroscience, infectious diseases, immunology, haematology, haemophilia, ophthalmology and respiratory. Roche is also active in in-vitro diagnostics, tissue-based cancer diagnostics and a pioneer in diabetes management and cardiovascular diagnostics. Roche's healthcare strategy aims at providing medicines and diagnostic tools that aim to enable tangible improvements in the health, quality of life, and survival of patients.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Pharmaceutical products: oncology, neuroscience, infectious diseases, immunology, haematology, haemophilia, ophthalmology and respiratory diseases
- Diagnostic tools for oncology, cardiovascular and infectious diseases, inflammatory & autoimmune diseases
- Infectious diseases such as viral hepatitis, Zika, HIV/Aids
- Multi-drug resistant bacteria

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Roche provides both a wide range of pharmaceutical products to fight various diseases (cancer, HIV/Aids, infectious diseases) as well as diagnostic tools for early screening for cancer, cardiovascular, and inflammatory and autoimmune diseases, amongst others. It also works together with healthcare systems worldwide to improve access to healthcare. Roche has been involved in providing humanitarian aid, disaster relief and sponsoring scientific research. Roche is particularly engaged in HIV, diabetes in Children, local access to medicines programs, healthcare worker training and cancer care. The company is also invested in Re&Act an Employee Action and Charity Trust.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

Roche's 10-member executive committee is the company's senior management and is led by CEO Severin Schwan since 2008. It is supervised by a 12 member Board of Directors, headed by the Chairman Dr. Christoph Franz. Roche employs approximately 93'700 people worldwide, of which approximately 13'000 are based in Switzerland.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

Roche's funding sources are sales of pharmaceutical products, diagnostics tools and

products for researchers. Total net assets as of end of 2017 were CHF 29 billion, with the core net income for 2017 being CHF 13 billion. On average CHF 28 million were spent on R&D per day in 2017.

PUBLICATIONS

See <https://www.roche.com/publications.htm>

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