

**Prof. Dr. Bernd Gottschalk**

Owner and Managing Partner of AutoValue GmbH

Personal information:

**Year of birth:** 1943

**Nationality:** German

Education: Studied economics at universities in Hamburg, Saarbrücken and Stanford, California/USA, Ph.D. studies at the University of Hamburg (1971)

Professional background:

**1972 – 1996** Daimler-Benz AG

**Since 1982** Group management positions in public relations, economic policy and transport policy

**Since 1988** Commercial management of the plant in Mannheim

**Since 1991** President of Mercedes-Benz do Brasil

**Since 1992** Ordinary member of the executive board of Daimler-Benz AG, responsible for the Commercial Vehicles Business Unit globally

**1997 – 2008** President of the German Association of the Automotive Industry (VDA)

President of the International Organization of Automobile Manufacturers (OICA), Paris

Vice President of the Federal Association of the German Industry (BDI)

**Since 2008** Founder and Managing Partner of AutoValue GmbH, Frankfurt

Awards:

Federal Cross of the Order of Merit of the  
Federal Republic of Germany

Grand Golden Badge of Honor for Services to  
the Republic of Austria

**2017**

Knight of the Legion of Honor of France

Information regarding memberships in  
other supervisory boards required to be  
established by law and in comparable  
supervisory bodies of German and foreign  
commercial enterprises:

Plastic Omnium SA, Paris/France

Benteler International AG, Salzburg

AEye Inc., Dublin/California