

## Dr. Kai Sauermann

Dr. Kai Sauermann was born in Wesseling on 20 May 1963. After graduating with his general university entrance certificate, completing his military service and studying business administration at the University of Cologne with auditing and business taxation as his majors, Dr. Kai Sauermann started his career in early 1989 with a well-known, medium-sized, family-run auditing firm in Düsseldorf. Simultaneously, he completed his doctorate at the Seminar for Business Administration and Auditing (Fiduciary Seminar) of Prof. Sieben at the University of Cologne. He completed his doctoral thesis on consolidated accounting/financing in 1992 and passed the tax consultant's examination in 1993, followed by his appointment as a certified public accountant in late 1994.

After two further years of working intensively on his career, also in eastern Germany, Dr. Kai Sauermann ventured to go free-lance. Together with a professional colleague, he acquired a small tax consultancy firm in Cologne (9 employees) and developed it into an auditing/tax consultancy business with a current staff of 60, together with his partner, later adding junior partners. Last year the firm changed its name to SEJ GmbH - Steuerberatungsgesellschaft. The firm has provided services up to the IPO of a client, but its main focus lies on comprehensive tax consultancy and business management services for medium-sized clients.

Dr. Kai Sauermann was a member of the supervisory board of one of the largest German cooperative purchasing groups (Einkaufsgenossenschaft) from 2012 to 2014. Furthermore, he has been a member of the examination board for tax clerks of the Cologne Chamber of Tax Consultants for more than 20 years, where he is involved in the training of young professionals.

Dr. Kai Sauermann has considerable expertise - thanks to his professional qualifications- and many years of experience in the fields of accounting, auditing and taxation. He has advised on countless business transactions, M & As and corporate restructurings and has conducted or assisted in various company valuations.