Dr. Ajai Puri
Board Member

U.S. / U.K. national, born 1953
First joined 2014
Member of the Nomination Committee

Dr. Ajai Puri joined the Board of Firmenich in 2014.

From 2003 to 2007, Ajai served as Executive Board Member and President - Research, Development and Product Integrity at Royal Numico, a specialized nutrition company. At Royal Numico, now part of Groupe Danone, he was responsible for developing and implementing a highly successful science-driven, consumer-led R&D strategy in the areas of early life and medical nutrition. He also served as Principal Crisis Management Officer during his tenure. Prior to Royal Numico, Dr. Puri had a long career at The Minute Maid Company / The Coca-Cola Company in the US. During this 22 year period, he held a variety of positions of global scope including Senior Vice President Technical (Science and Technology).

Ajai currently holds non-executive directorships at Tate and Lyle PLC, a global provider of high quality ingredients to the food, beverage and other industries, at Britannia Industries Ltd, one of India's largest independent food groups, and Olam International, a leading global food and agri-business . His previous board mandates include non-executive directorships with Nutreco NV and Barry Callebaut AG.

He holds a Ph.D. in Food Science from the University of Maryland, College Park, United States and an MBA from the Crummer School, Rollins College, Orlando, United States.