



Velina Peneva

Group Chief Investment Officer

Born: 1977

Nationality: Bulgarian, Swiss

Professional experience

Velina Peneva started her career at Bain & Company in 1998, and became Partner in 2011. During her tenure with Bain & Company, she worked with General Partners (fund managers) and Limited Partners (investors) supporting investment due diligence, supporting M&A processes, and advising on investment strategy and asset allocation. She was a leader in the private equity practice in Zurich, and in 2015 became a member of Bain & Company's global investment committee, which evaluates investment opportunities with leading private equity firms for Bain & Company's co-investment funds.

Velina Peneva joined Swiss Re's Group Asset Management as Head Private Equity in June 2017 and developed and executed the investment strategy for the Private Equity portfolio. She subsequently became Co-Head Client Solutions & Analytics in 2019 and was responsible for implementing Asset Management's investment portfolio strategy across Business Units and legal entities, supporting the asset liability management and strategic asset allocation processes, and led and supported multiple strategic topics.

Velina Peneva was appointed Group Chief Investment Officer and member of the Group Executive Committee in April 2023.

Educational background

- Master's degree in Business Administration, Harvard Business School, Boston, USA
- Bachelor's degree in Economics & Computer Science with a minor in Mathematics, Wellesley College, Wellesley, USA

External mandates

- Member of the Board of Directors of Familie Ernst Basler AG
- Member of the Board of Trustees, Deep Tech Nation Switzerland Foundation

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