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### **Stefan Van Thienen, partner and sector leader for Chemicals and Specialty Materials at Deloitte**



Stefan is a partner and sector leader for Chemicals and Specialty Materials at Deloitte, and brings over 20+ years of background in growth and performance improvement in the (petro-) chemical industry.

He has a strong focus on core business functions in engineering & asset management, manufacturing excellence, R&D and marketing within chemical companies, and on the digital transformation of these functions. Stefan leads Deloitte's Industry 4.0 and Internet of Things (IoT) offerings, with a focus on the application of advanced technology to improve business operations and provide opportunities for growth.

Besides this, Stefan leads and has led programs to restructure sites, reduce costs, deliver post-merger integration synergies and carve outs, and to develop growth strategies for (petro-) chemical and specialty materials companies. He also specializes in advising clients on organic growth through new applications, and leads Deloitte's Advanced Materials and Manufacturing Systems program in EMEA. He is a regular speaker on chemical sector topics and has worked for leading companies such as: BASF, Borealis, ExxonMobil, Akzo Nobel, ICL, Lanxess and Total.

Prior to becoming consultant, Stefan held various positions in the area of business, operations, and plant/site management with Bayer (now Lanxess) in rubber chemicals and with JM Huber Corporation in precipitated silica. He built and started up a brand new dental and rubber grade precipitated silica facility for JM Huber Corporation, with a focus across the lifecycle in engineering design and construction, technology transfer, organization development, plant management and commercial development of the business.