

PRESS RELEASE

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THE PRIVATE BANK BERGOS CONGRATULATES
ITS SHAREHOLDER AND MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CLAUS-GÜNTHER BUDELMANN
ON RECEIVING THE FEDERAL CROSS OF MERIT

On February 2, 2021, the founder of our bank in Switzerland and long-time member of the Board of Directors was awarded the Cross of Merit on Ribbon for his great services to culture in Hamburg. We warmly congratulate Budelmann, who has been a shareholder of our bank since 2018, on this extraordinary award.

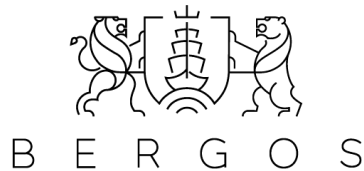
From the official media release:

"Claus-Günther Budelmann has rendered outstanding services to Hamburg's cultural landscape as well as in the fields of medicine and social affairs through his outstanding, long-standing commitment and patronage. For these services, the Federal President honors him with the Federal Cross of Merit. Dr. Carsten Brosda, Senator for Culture and Media, will present him with the award today at the Ministry for Culture and Media.

Dr. Carsten Brosda, Senator for Culture and the Media: "There are few people in our city who are committed to Hamburg's art and culture in such a diverse and tireless way as Claus-Günther Budelmann. The fact that he is now being awarded the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany for his passionate and continuous commitment to the theaters, concert halls, museums, festivals and orchestras, as well as to educational institutions, church congregations or clinics in this city, is a highly deserved honor. In addition to his generous work as a patron, the long-term establishment of sustainable networks for culture and the enthusiasm of other citizens for their own cultural commitment are at the center of his work. He shapes cultural life in the best possible way with a high level of personal commitment and makes a significant contribution to the diversity of Hamburg's culture - beyond the boundaries of genres. Many cultural events, associations and institutions would not exist without his work."

On the activities of Claus-Günther Budelmann:

Claus-Günther Budelmann was born in Hamburg and lives - interrupted by a period in London - in his hometown to this day. His professional career was shaped by his work for Berenberg Bank. Here, he first completed an apprenticeship and later successfully led the bank as co-owner and spokesman for the shareholders until his retirement in 2008.



Even during his professional career, Claus-Günther Budelmann enriched Hamburg's cultural scene to an extraordinary and significant degree through his generous personal and financial commitment. The Hamburg Theater Festival, the International Music Festival Hamburg and the residency of the Balthasar Neumann Ensemble are just a few examples. In addition, he founded, established and expanded various support groups and networks, also internationally active.

Claus-Günther Budelmann is an influential member of numerous (sponsoring) associations such as the Kampnagel sponsoring association or the Freundeskreis Elbphilharmonie und Laeiszhalle e. V. and many others. With regular donations, sponsorships and endowments (including scholarships), he provides long-term and continuous support for social, cultural and societal coexistence in this city, for example through his commitment to the UKE, the Hagenbeck Zoo or civic associations. In addition to his commitment to culture, Claus-Günther Budelmann has rendered outstanding services to German-British relations as Honorary Consul of Great Britain in Hamburg and President of the Anglo-German Club, for which he was awarded the Order of the Honorary Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II."

Claus-Günther Budelmann's deep ties to our bank go back to 1965, when, after graduating from high school, he began an apprenticeship at the bank as a result of a friendship between his father and Heinrich von Berenberg-Gossler (1907-1997), the managing partner at the former Joh. Berenberg, Gossler & Co. KG, began an apprenticeship as a banker at the bank. In 1968 he went to London for Berenberg and in 1981, after his return, Heinrich von Berenberg-Gossler made him a general representative of the bank. In 1988, he became a shareholder and co-owner of Berenberg Bank and led the company as spokesman for the shareholders until 2008. Also in 1988, he opened Berenberg in Switzerland. In 2018, together with a group of well-known entrepreneurs, he acquired the majority shares of the then Berenberg Bank (Switzerland) AG and established first Bergos Berenberg AG, then in 2020, with the full acquisition of the bank's shares by the existing shareholders and joining entrepreneurs, the fully independent private bank Bergos AG. Budelmann is significantly invested as a shareholder of Bergos AG and has served on its Board continually since 1988.

We sincerely congratulate our shareholder on this formidable honour!

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