

PEOPLE OF N26

Valentin Stalf

Founder & Chief Executive Officer



Valentin Stalf is the CEO and Co-Founder of N26, Europe's leading digital bank. Having founded the company in 2013, he leads its team of 1,500 highly skilled professionals from more than 80 nationalities. N26 operates office hubs in Berlin, Barcelona, Paris, Vienna and other European cities.

Under Valentin's leadership, N26 launched a first-of-its-kind, seamless, customer-friendly digital banking experience in 2015. In 2016, it became the first 100% mobile bank with pan-European operations to receive and operate with a full German banking license.

Today, N26 is the market leading digital bank in Europe and offers a current account with a simple and secure platform for all financial needs, including saving, investing, and lending. Processing over 130 billion EUR in transaction volume per year, the company enables millions of customers across 24 European markets to improve their financial wellbeing, while protecting their finances using state-of-the-art technology.

As a true entrepreneur at heart, Valentin has always been inspired to challenge the traditional financial industry. Before launching N26, he served as an Entrepreneur in Residence at Rocket Internet, where he worked on developing several companies in the mobile payments sector. He remains actively engaged in the startup ecosystem as an investor and advisor across Europe.

Valentin holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in accounting and finance from the University of St. Gallen (M.A. HSG). He further broadened his global perspective through studies at Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan. From 2018 to 2023, he was also an active member of the University Council of the Vienna University of Economics and Business.

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