On 20 April 2016, Bernd Hirsch was appointed as Non-Executive Director to RTL Group’s Board of Directors for a term of office of two years, to expire at the end of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders ruling on the 2017 accounts. In April 2018, his term of office was renewed for three years expiring at the end of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders ruling on the 2020 accounts.

Bernd Hirsch, born in 1970, has been Chief Financial Officer at Bertelsmann SE & Co KGaA since 1 April 2016. Bernd Hirsch most recently served as CFO at the global supplier of fragrances and flavorings Symrise AG. Since December 2009, his responsibilities at the MDAX-listed company included the accounting, controlling, finance, treasury, investor relations and risk management departments. Prior to joining the Symrise management board, Hirsch worked for seven years at the Carl Zeiss Gruppe. A business graduate, he began his career at the auditing firm Arthur Andersen in Stuttgart.