

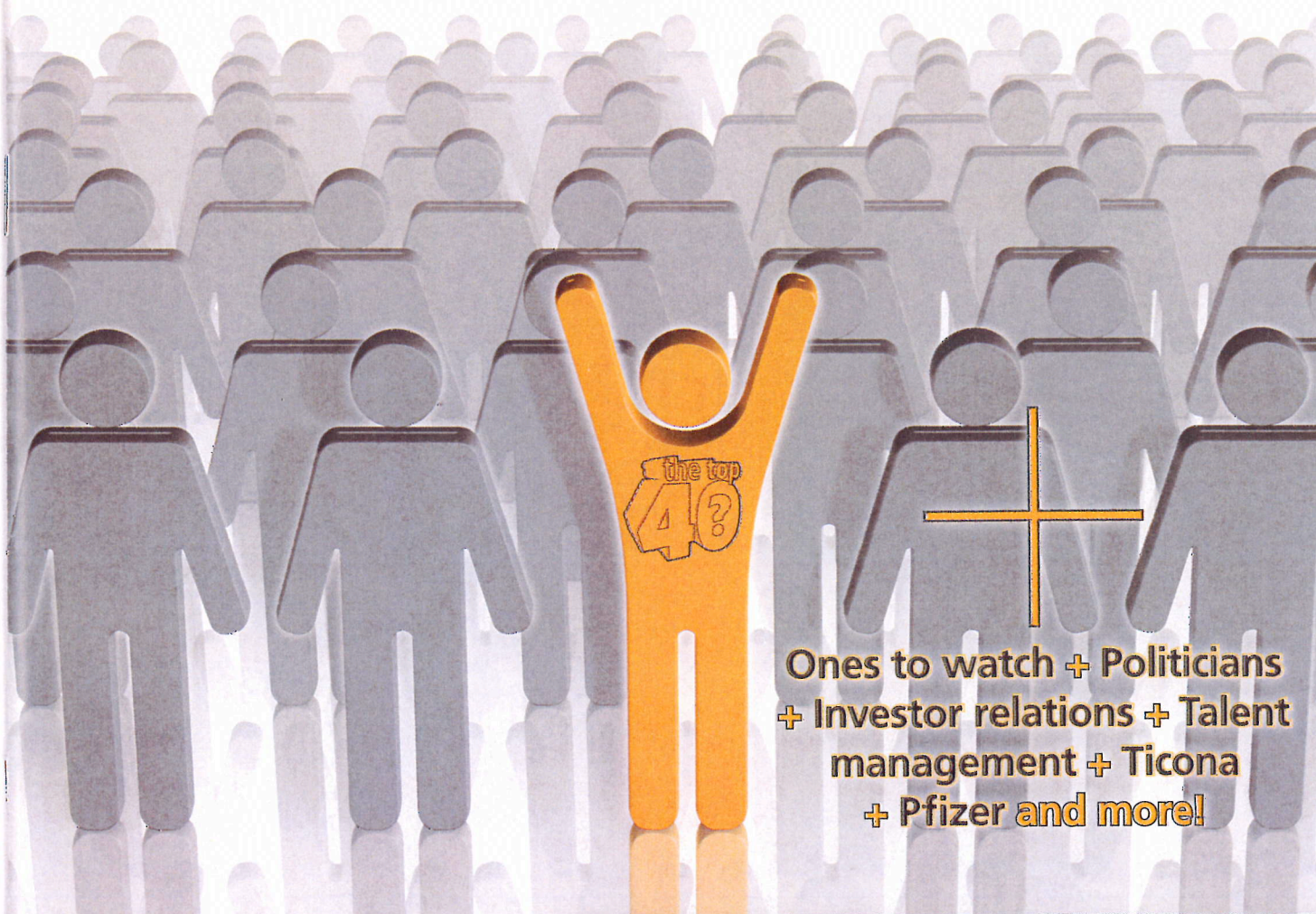


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consumption to fall
by 1.2%/year in US

ONES TO WATCH

New to their top positions, will these head honchos sink or swim in what will no doubt be choppy economic waters?



ELLEN KULLMAN
President and
CEO-designate
DuPont

Kullman has been picked to head the US-based specialty chemical giant. Her leadership of two business platforms and two corporate functions put her in the running to become one of the most powerful people in the chemical sector.



HARIOLF KOTTMANN
CEO
Clariant International

The former Hoechst executive took the top spot in October, following the ousting of Swede Jan Secher. His appointment was taken as suggesting "unresolved issues" at the struggling Swiss specialty chemical firm, considered by many to be an acquisition target.



RUDOLF STAUDIGL
President and CEO
Wacker Chemie

Rudolf Staudigl has taken over from Peter-Alexander Wacker at a time when numerous projects were being commissioned from a €700m (\$880m) investment program. He also faces integrating two polymer businesses acquired from US-based Air Products.



STEVE PRYOR
President
ExxonMobil Chemical

The new president will oversee major investments in Singapore and China when original planning assumptions have gone out the window as a global recession kicks in. His background on the refining side of the business should help.



CAL DOOLEY
CEO
American Chemistry Council

He took command of the American Chemistry Council in September 2008 amid recession conditions and just ahead of Democratic sweeps in the White House and Congress. The former seven-term Democratic Congressman knows well the workings of Capitol Hill.



CHRIS PAPPAS
CEO
NOVA Chemicals

He has been overseeing good financial results, but now needs to manage through a petchem downcycle. Olefins earnings have come off the boil and styrene margins are expected to compress even further, with US export markets under threat.



CHRISTIAN JOURQUIN
President
Cefic

The newly elected president outlined his focus on addressing the unprecedented problems of climate change and scarcity of raw materials.



SHANE FLEMING
Chairman and CEO-elect
Cytac Industries

The newly-appointed head of the US-based aerospace material and specialty chemical group will have to pilot the company through turbulence in the commercial aircraft market and the overall economy.



JORGEN OLE HASLESTAD
CEO
Yara

He became the CEO of Norwegian Yara in September, when Thorleif Enger retired. Haslestad has a lot to live up to with tough times ahead.



MICHAEL LEFENFELD
President and CEO
SiGNa Chemistry

Although some might consider him rather young to be the CEO of the New York, US-based advanced materials company he cofounded, the 28-year-old is blazing a trail in green chemical processing.

IN MEMORIAM

Our tribute to three industry titans who passed away in 2008. Through their organizations and the many people they affected, their legacies live on.



TING TSUNG CHAO
Westlake Chemical
Founder and former
chairman Chao (1921–2008)

pioneered petrochemicals in Southeast Asia, and entered the US market with what is today Westlake Chemical.



CAROLYN MERRITT
US Chemical Safety & Hazard
Investigations Board (CSB)
former chairman Merritt
(1947–2008) was a crusader on chemical process safety. Merritt led the government agency from 2002–2007.



WANG YUNG-CHING
Formosa Plastics founder
and former chairman Wang
(1917–2008) started building
his business empire from scratch in 1954
when he founded Formosa Plastics as a
producer of polyvinyl chloride (PVC).