

# RIM names new CEO

**Thorsten Heins** has been appointed President and Chief Executive of *Research In Motion* after joining the *BlackBerry* maker just four years ago



■ **1958:** Born in Munich, Germany

■ **1984:** After graduating from University of Hannover with **Masters Degree in Science and Physics**, joins German engineering group **Siemens AG**. Works in R&D, customer service, sales and product management before becoming **Chief Technology Officer**

■ **2007:** Joins **RIM** as **Senior VP of Handheld Business Unit**. Ascends rapidly to become **Chief Operating Officer, Product Engineering**, overseeing **BlackBerry's** global product portfolio

■ **2012:** Appointed **CEO** after **Mike Lazaridis**, who co-founded RIM in 1984, and **Jim Balsillie**, who joined in 1992, step aside (they retain combined 12% stake in ailing firm)

■ **Family:** Married to Petra, mathematician and physicist he met at university. Two adult children

■ **Interests:** Road cycling – including long-distance charity rides; riding his BMW motorcycle; supports NBA basketball team Miami Heat