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E. Morrey Atkinson joined Vertex in 2020 and is Executive Vice President and Chief Technical Operations Officer and Head of Biopharmaceutical Sciences and Manufacturing Operations. He serves on the company's Executive Committee and oversees all aspects of Vertex's preclinical, clinical and commercial biopharmaceutical sciences, manufacturing operations and global supply chain functions. He has extensive expertise in the development and commercialization of multiple modality therapeutics across all aspects of manufacturing including small molecules, biologics and cell therapies.

Dr. Atkinson joined Vertex from Bristol Myers Squibb (BMS), where he was Senior Vice President of Global Manufacturing Operations and was responsible for the global network of internal and external manufacturing for BMS commercial products. He joined BMS in 2012 as the Vice President of Biologics Development and progressed through various roles, including Vice President of Biologics Manufacturing and the Integration Leader for Manufacturing, Product Development and Cell Therapy during the Celgene-BMS Integration. Prior to BMS, Dr. Atkinson's career included various scientific and management roles of increasing responsibility at Eli Lilly and Company, Cook Pharmica (now Catalent) and Targeted Genetics Corporation. These roles included developing processes and clinical manufacturing for some of the earliest trials of AAV gene therapy vectors, and he has led the building and qualification of multiple lab and manufacturing facilities, including commercial facilities in Ireland and the U.S.

Dr. Atkinson serves on the board of directors for 89bio and is active in advocating for LGBTQ+ equality, including serving on the National Leadership Council for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. He is the executive sponsor for Vertex PRIDE, an employee resource network that supports, provides visibility of, and celebrates LGBTQ+ employees and allies. He is an avid sailor and an instrument-rated private pilot.

Dr. Atkinson received his bachelor's degree in biology from Indiana University and his doctoral degree in biological sciences from Stanford University. His Ph.D. work focused on the biochemistry of symbiotic nitrogen-fixation, and his postdoctoral work was at Geron Corporation, working on human telomerase.

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