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Dr. Madsen has a PhD in Civil and Structural Engineering from the Technical University of Denmark, where he later held a position as Professor of Structural Mechanics, and now holds a position as Adjunct Professor.

Dr. Madsen began his career in DNV GL, at the time DNV, in Oslo in 1982 as Chief Scientist in Structural Reliability Analysis. During the 1980's, he led a major industry initiative to introduce structural reliability methods in the oil and gas industry's standard setting. In acknowledgment of this work, Dr. Madsen was recognised as an Offshore Pioneer in the US Offshore Energy Centre's Technology Hall of Fame in 2002. He has published several books and more than 80 papers on his fields of expertise.

Dr. Madsen has headed all DNV's major business areas and the Research Division. He has also served as Regional Manager in Japan and Denmark.

In May 2006, Dr. Madsen was appointed CEO of DNV. He introduced ambitious strategic goals for DNV to grow, both organically and by mergers and acquisitions, and focused its services on selected industry sectors. Following the merger of DNV and GL (Germanischer Lloyds) in September 2013, Dr. Madsen became President & CEO of the new combined company DNV GL. In April 2014, Dr. Madsen received the coveted Seatrade Lifetime Achievement Award.

With the purpose to safeguard life, property and the environment, DNV GL is under Dr. Madsen's leadership enabling its customers to advance the safety, efficiency and sustainability of their business by services of classification, certification, verification and independent expert advisory. DNV GL is annually investing 5% of its turnover in research and development to accelerate knowledge and collaborative innovation related to the technical and operational challenges faced by its customers, the industries it serves and society at large.

Dr. Madsen is a council member of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) and a member of the Focus Area Core team for Energy and Climate.