



## Biography

### **Rene van Gerwen**

#### **Global Lead Engineer Refrigeration & HVAC, Unilever**

Rene van Gerwen joined Unilever in 2000 where he is responsible for all R & HVAC activities in Unilever, being one of the largest end-users of refrigeration in the world. A major part of his work is related to large industrial refrigeration plants for the production of ice cream, margarines and other frozen foods, mainly using ammonia as refrigerant, and to plug-in display freezer cabinets for the sales of ice cream. For these cabinets, he developed a global programme for using hydrocarbons as refrigerant.

Before joining Unilever, Rene was heading the Department of Refrigeration & Heat Pump Technology in the R&D & Testing Company TNO, where he was working on energy saving, safety, alternative refrigerants & technologies since 1987. Rene has an MSc degree in Mechanical Engineering (Refrigeration & Climate Control) at Delft University of Technology, Netherlands.

## Presentation

“Stakes & Opportunities for Hydrocarbon Refrigerant use in Global Ice Cream Sales”

## Session

“Technology & Market for Natural Refrigerants”  
Mo, 19 October  
2 pm

## Conference

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