



## Major General Jean-Paul THELER

Chief of Armed Forces Staff

Date of birth	28 July 1963
Academic qualifications	Master in Science, London School of Economics and Political Science PhD oec, University of Lausanne
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### Current function

As Chief of Armed Forces Staff, Major General Theler manages the most important business interests in the defence sector and is directly accountable to the Chief of the Armed Forces. He is responsible for the operational implementation of the political and military strategic directives and operational instructions.

Working at the interface between politico-strategic and operational-tactical levels, he is in charge of development, planning, resource allocation and steering of the armed forces.

### Career

1994	Captain, intelligence officer in a mountain infantry battalion staff
1996	Commander of an anti-tank company
1998	Major General Staff, chief of organisation and command & control in a territorial brigade staff
2001	Lieutenant Colonel GS, commander of an infantry battalion
2004	Colonel General Staff, chief of staff in a mountain infantry brigade
2010	Brigadier General, head of Armed Forces Personnel
2013	Major General, head of Armed Forces Command Support Organisation
2018	Project manager for Support Command
2020	Director Federal Office for Civil Protection a.i.
2021	Chief of Armed Forces Staff

### Functions

1991	Assistant at the Economic Institute of the University of Lausanne, after 1994, assistant professor
1995	Entry into instruction corps Instruction officer in mountain infantry recruit schools
1999	Class teacher at infantry officer schools
2001	Collège interarmées de défense, Paris, France
2002	Team leader at the Commander and Staff Officer School and General Staff School, Armed Forces Training Centre in Lucerne
2005	Project manager for joint doctrine at the Armed Forces Planning Staff
2006	Head of section for joint doctrine at the Armed Forces Planning Staff
2008	Head of military doctrine division at the Armed Forces Planning Staff
2009	Staff officer assigned to Staff Operational Training
2010	Commander of the senior NCO courses