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THE REAL RACE FOR GERMAN CHANCELLOR

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Despite months of campaigning coming to a head on Saturday, the result of the race to become the next leader of Merkels conservative party will offer little clarity on who will replace her as chancellor.

One thousand and one delegates from the ranks of Germanys Christian Democrats will convene digitally to select a new leader from among three candidates: Armin Laschet, the premier of North Rhine-Westphalia, Norbert Röttgen, chairman of the German parliaments foreign affairs committee, and Friedrich Merz, a corporate lawyer and former MP.

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