



AGENDA

REGISTRATION:

Wednesday, The Den, 1st Floor • **Thursday through Friday**, Foyer Area, 2nd Floor

Advisory Board Meeting: Boardroom, 2nd Floor

General Session: Great Room, 2nd Floor

Welcome Cocktail Reception: The Living Room, Terrace and Spanish Steps, 1st Floor

Lunch Thursday: The W Restaurant, 1st Floor

Thursday Reception on The Rooftop: Proof, Rooftop

5 Small Group Session Rooms: Strategy 1, Strategy 2, Strategy 3, Studio 1, Studio 2, 2nd Floor

Breakfast & Breaks: Foyer, Great Room, Great Room Terrace, 2nd Floor

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND - AB MEETING AND WELCOME RECEPTION

10:00AM – 6:00PM	REGISTRATION OPEN
4:00PM – 5:00PM	ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
5:00PM – 7:00PM	WELCOME RECEPTION IN W LIVING ROOM & TERRACE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23RD - TECHNICAL SESSIONS AND NETWORKING

7:30am – 5:00pm	REGISTRATION OPEN
7:30am – 8:30am	BREAKFAST OPEN
8:00AM – 8:05AM	OPENING WELCOME: Brian Ceraolo, CEO, Peerless Media & Brian Straight, Editor in Chief, Supply Chain Management Review
8:05am – 8:45am	2025 END USER AWARDS
	MODERATOR: Drew Eubank, EVP and Co-Founder, Zion Solutions Group
	ROBOTICS: Bill Monk, VP, Supply Chain-Distribution & Transportation, GNC
	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: Liz Koziol, Senior Vice President Operations, FedEx Supply Chain
	DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION: Randy Tarantino, Global Technology Director of Innovation & Technology Strategy, Sysco
8:45am – 9:25am	KEYNOTE: Val Marchevsky, EVP & CTO, Uber Freight

TITLE: *Reimagining Logistics with AI: Turning Intelligence into Action*

DESCRIPTION: AI is no longer on the horizon—it's reshaping logistics from the ground up. In this session, Val Marchevsky will unpack how supply chain leaders are using AI to streamline planning, automate execution, and reduce costs. From generative models to intelligent agents, he'll spotlight real-world applications and what's next.

9:25am – 9:45am

PRESENTATION: Victoria Wade, Associate Vice President, Global Supply Planning, Eli Lilly

TITLE: *Transforming Supply Chain Planning with AI: Unlocking Agility in a HighGrowth Incretin Portfolio*

DESCRIPTION: This session explores how AI is revolutionizing planning for a high-growth incretin portfolio—where speed, precision, and adaptability are critical. We'll dive into how advanced AI tools either home grown or partnering with those advancing existing ERP technologies are being leveraged to drive transformation across forecasting, scenario modeling, and decision-making. Learn how AI is enabling real-time responsiveness, improving cross-functional collaboration, and accelerating adoption across global partner networks

9:45am – 10:05am

PRESENTATION: Derek Dalmolin, Director, R&D Procurement, Regeneron

TITLE: *Regeneron's Digital Transformation: Driving Procurement*

DESCRIPTION: World-leading biotechnology company, Regeneron, will share its journey of digital transformation across its R&D procurement ecosystem. The company achieved this by launching Regeneron Marketplace, powered by the leading AI procurement platform for life sciences, Labviva. Regeneron will explore how the Labviva platform creates a transparent, competitive, and user-friendly procurement experience that streamlines sourcing, delivers measurable cost and time savings, and strengthens Regeneron's commitment to supplier diversity.

10:05am – 10:30am

FIRESIDE CHAT: Timothy M. Egan, Senior Director, Warehousing & Logistics, Our Home

MODERATOR: Brian Straight, Editor in Chief, Supply Chain Management Review

TITLE: *Fueling Hypergrowth: Building a Resilient Supply Chain at Our Home*

DESCRIPTION: Join this fireside chat with Timothy Egan at Our Home, to learn how the company's logistics strategy supported rapid M&A expansion and organic growth. Hear practical insights on overcoming scaling hurdles, engaging employees during periods of intense change, and driving continuous improvement while sustaining a culture of resilience.

10:30am – 11:00am

AM BREAK

11:00am – 12:30pm

SMALL GROUP SESSIONS

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PRESENTATION: Rosemary Coates, Executive Director, Reshoring Institute

TITLE: *Beyond Reshoring: What Companies are doing Now*

DESCRIPTION: The push to move supply chains closer to the end user is being accelerated by tariffs and other geopolitical factors. Join noted reshoring expert Rosemary Coates as she walks you through what leading companies are doing today to mitigate their risks.

Session 2 - Room Strategy 2: Strategy & Optimization

MODERATOR: Eric Peters, President and CEO, Procurant

PRESENTATION: Pushpinder Singh, Global Supply Chain Transformation Leader, IBM Consulting

TITLE: *Maximizing AI ROI in Supply Chain Operations*

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PRESENTATION: Josh Owen, Founder, President and Executive Chairman, Cycle Labs & Jonathon Crafton, Systems Architect, Kohler Co.

TITLE: *Test Automation: The key for improved speed and quality of WMS implementations*

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PRESENTATION: Collin Stiffler, Product Leader for Watsonx.AI, IBM and Ravi Chavali, CTO, Imaginnovate

TITLE: *Revolutionizing Logistics & Supply Chain with IBM Watsonx.AI*

DESCRIPTION: Discover how IBM Watsonx.AI is transforming logistics and supply chain operations through generative AI and agentic workflows

Session 4 - Room Studio 2: Strategy & Execution

MODERATOR: Lucy Alexander, Advisor, KeyChain Consulting

PRESENTATION: Phil Kafarakis, President & CEO, IFMA The Food Away from Home Association

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MODERATOR: Andrew Byer, Founder, Principal TransformGrow Supply Chain Consulting

PRESENTATION: Tom Cook, Managing Director, Blue Tiger International

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12:30pm – 1:45pm

LUNCH IN W RESTAURANT

1:45pm – 2:15pm

VISIONARY AWARD KEYNOTE: Lisa Drane, Director, Procurement Supply Innovation, Logistics and Warehouse, Diageo

2:15pm – 2:45pm

FIRESIDE CHAT: Mike Neill, CTO, C.H. Robinson

MODERATOR: Arun Kochar, Partner, Kearney

TOPIC: *Artificial Intelligence that Delivers Real Results*

DESCRIPTION: Learn how C.H. Robinson, a top 10 global logistics provider, has been using proprietary AI models and a fleet of 30+ AI agents to deliver tangible business value for their customers, carriers and employees since 2023. This session will cover best practices and lessons learned, as well as how humans-in-the-loop are crucial for success.

2:45pm - 3:15pm

LAST MILE DELIVERY PANEL

MODERATOR: Douglas Kent, EVP for Corporate & Strategic Alliances, ASCM

TITLE: *Winning the Last Mile: Strategies for Customer-Centric Delivery*

DESCRIPTION: Join Douglas Kent and three industry experts as they discuss the state of the last-mile delivery market and how brands can take advantage of current trends and the macroenvironment to deliver for their customers.

PANELISTS:

Sri Thirumalia, Director of Last Mile, Walmart

Scott DeGroot, Managing Director & Lecturer, Global Supply Chain Institute, University of Tennessee

Girish Gupta, Director Supply Chain, Guardian Drug Company

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COCKTAIL RECEPTION ON ROOFTOP, PROOF

Entertainment: Matt Jenkins

Matt Jenkins is an award-winning songwriter originally from Ft. Worth, TX. He's earned nine #1 singles from artists including Blake Shelton, Kenny Chesney, Old Dominion, Luke Bryan, Dustin Lynch, Billy Currington, and Jordan Davis, who he won the CMA Song of the Year with in 2022 for "Buy Dirt".

Matt recently scored two more #1 songs including Jordan Davis' "Tucson Too Late" and Jelly Roll's "Halfway To Hell".

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH - TECHNICAL SESSIONS AND NETWORKING

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2025 SOLUTION PROVIDER AWARDS

ROBOTICS: Corvus Robotics

Jackie Wu, Co-Founder & CEO

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: Quickcode.AI

Shannon Hynds, CEO

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION: Easy Metrics

Dean Dorcas, Co-Founder & CEO

8:05AM – 8:30AM

KEYNOTE: Todd Stillwell, VP-Supply Chain & Manufacturing, Dole Packaged Foods

TITLE: *Scaling Mid-size CPG Supply Chains for Growth & Innovation*

Description: Dole Packaged Foods' executive Todd Stillwell reveals how Dole has transformed its supply chain into an engine for innovation. Discover how strategic investments in flexible manufacturing, streamlined logistics and data-driven demand forecasting enable Dole to rapidly commercialize groundbreaking new products, while delivering efficiency and quality at scale.

9:00AM – 9:30AM

PANEL: Leaders in Supply Chain

MODERATOR: Lucy Alexander, Advisor, KeyChain Consulting

TITLE: *Leading through Change: How Supply Chain Leaders Are Tackling Today's Biggest Challenges*

PANELISTS:

Laura Wilkin, Board Director, GXO Logistics

Liz Koziol, Senior Vice President Operations, FedEx Supply Chain

Tatiana Freire, Senior Director, NA Supply Chain Excellence, Kenvue

DESCRIPTION: Supply chain executives face unusual challenges today -- rapidly evolving disruptions and changes, the pressing need to harness the power of AI, and the constant imperative to keep their organizations engaged, energized and resilient, to name just a few. In this dynamic conversation, three leaders will share how they're navigating these questions —from the strategic decisions needed to implement AI successfully at scale, to leading teams through both planned transformations and the daily unpredictability that is the badge of the supply chain professional.

9:30AM – 9:50AM

PRESENTATION: Sanjay Gupta, VP Supply Chain, Imbed Biosciences Inc

TITLE: *AI in MedTech Supply Chains: From Spend Analytics to Issues Resolution*

DESCRIPTION: The MedTech industry sits at the intersection of strict regulatory oversight, rising costs, and patient-critical delivery needs. To address these pressures, supply chain leaders are increasingly turning to artificial intelligence (AI) for practical, high-value solutions. This session highlights two transformative applications of AI in MedTech supply chains:

- Spend Analytics with Microsoft Power BI – how advanced visualization reveals hidden cost drivers, strengthens supplier negotiations, and improves compliance monitoring.
- Issues-to-Resolution (i2r) with Elementum.ai – how AI consolidates fragmented incident data into a collaborative workflow that accelerates root-cause resolution and builds supply chain resilience. Through real-world MedTech case studies, Sanjay Gupta will demonstrate how these tools drive measurable cost savings, strengthen supplier governance, shorten issue-resolution cycles, and ultimately enhance patient outcomes.

9:50AM – 10:15AM	<p>FIRESIDE CHAT: Rosina Wickart, VP-J&J MedTech Supply Chain, Johnson & Johnson Procurement</p> <p>MODERATOR: Michael Levans, Group Editorial Director, Peerless Media</p> <p>TITLE: <i>Digital Transformation in Procurement: Driving Efficiency, Resilience, and Strategic Value</i></p> <p>DESCRIPTION: As internal demands grow and external environments become more complex, digital transformation empowers organizations to enhance efficiency, resilience, and decision-making. This session highlights how companies like Johnson & Johnson leverage AI and digital tools to elevate procurement from routine execution to strategic enablement. Attendees will gain actionable insights into building agile, collaborative supply networks and learn how digital investments can deliver measurable impact and long-term value in today's dynamic global landscape.</p>
10:15AM – 10:40AM	AM BREAK
10:40AM – 11:05AM	<p>PRESENTATION: Dave Hauptman, Chief Commercial Officer, Kenco</p> <p>TITLE: <i>Warehouse Innovations Reshaping CPG Supply Chains</i></p> <p>DESCRIPTION: As the supply chain landscape continues to evolve, it's more important than ever to be on the cutting edge of warehouse technology. Hear from Dave Hauptman, Chief Commercial Officer at Kenco, as he walks through the latest automation technology taking over CPG warehouses, and how these innovations are helping to meet evolving end-user demands.</p>
11:05AM - 11:25AM	START-UP AWARD: Todd Boone, VP-North America, Dexory
11:25AM – 11:45AM	<p>PRESENTATION: Patrick Gibbons, President, The Emerson Group and Nura Kruciak, Senior Vice President - Vertical Leader, Client Services, GEODIS</p> <p>TITLE: <i>Secrets to Success: How to Achieve Scalability with your 3PL</i></p> <p>DESCRIPTION: Leveraging insights from its 20-plus-year partnership, The Emerson Group and global 3PL GEODIS have delivered innovative strategies for small/medium-sized brands to successfully scale their businesses and secure competitive retail space. In this session, learn how both companies have built a successful decades-long partnership together to help each other grow. By sharing key breakthroughs throughout their partnership, attendees will walk away with tangible strategies and advice on how to grow their business alongside a 3PL to remain competitive today.</p>
11:45AM – 11:50AM	CLOSING REMARKS: Brian Straight, Editor-in-Chief, Supply Chain Management Review

SPEAKERS



GIRISH GUPTA

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GIRISH GUPTA, MBA, B. PHARM IS A PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLY CHAIN EXECUTIVE WITH NEARLY TWO DECADES OF EXPERIENCE DRIVING OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE, TRANSFORMATION, AND GROWTH FOR LEADING GLOBAL HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS. CURRENTLY SERVING AS DIRECTOR OF SUPPLY CHAIN, SALES AT GUARDIAN DRUG COMPANY, HE MANAGES END TO END SUPPLY CHAIN FUNCTIONS INCLUDING S&OP, PROCUREMENT, LOGISTICS, AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE, WHILE OVERSEEING PRODUCT FLOW TO 40 OF THE LARGEST U.S. RETAIL CHAINS. HE DIRECTS HIGHLY COMPLEX OPERATIONS SPANNING MORE THAN 1,000 SKUS, ENSURING CONSISTENT AND TIMELY SUPPLY ACROSS PRESCRIPTION AND OTC PORTFOLIOS.



LUCY B. ALEXANDER

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LUCY ALEXANDER IS A GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN EXECUTIVE WITH DEEP EXPERIENCE ACROSS ALL ASPECTS OF SUPPLY IN LIFE SCIENCES AND CONSUMER PRODUCTS. MOST RECENTLY SHE LED LEAN DIGITAL EXCELLENCE FOR ASTRAZENECA GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN & STRATEGY, DEVELOPING ROBUST STRATEGY, LEAN, DIGITAL, DATA MANAGEMENT AND PEOPLE CAPABILITIES ACROSS THE GLOBAL ORGANIZATION TO CREATE AND IMPROVE EFFICIENT, RELIABLE, INNOVATIVE GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS IN AN INCREASINGLY VOLATILE WORLD. SHE CURRENTLY SERVES AS AN ADVISOR TO PAXAFE, A RISK-MANAGEMENT AND DECISION-INTELLIGENCE PLATFORM FOR TEMPERATURE-CONTROLLED LOGISTICS THAT WORKS WITH QUALITY, TRANSPORTATION AND SUPPLY-CHAIN PLANNING LEADERS TO REDUCE PRODUCT LOSS, OPTIMIZE NETWORK PERFORMANCE, AND ACCELERATE DECISION-MAKING.



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DISTINGUISHED FELLOW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE; CEO OF THRIVE AND ADVANCE LLC, ALAN AMLING IS A TED SPEAKER AND SUPPLY CHAIN THOUGHT LEADER. ALAN HELPED DRIVE INNOVATION OVER A 27-YEAR CAREER WITH UPS AND IS CURRENTLY A DISTINGUISHED FELLOW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, CEO OF ADVISORY FIRM THRIVE AND ADVANCE LLC, AND ON THE EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE GEORGIA TECH MANUFACTURING INSTITUTE. HE RESEARCHES, INVESTS, ADVISES, AND SPEAKS ON INNOVATION IN LOGISTICS AND HOW ALL FIRMS CAN RECOGNIZE AND THRIVE IN DISRUPTION. HIS FIRST BOOK, ORGANIZATIONAL VELOCITY, WAS RELEASED IN MARCH 2022.



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VP, NORTH AMERICA
DEXORY

TODD IS A SEASONED WAREHOUSE AUTOMATION AND ROBOTICS LEADER WITH DEEP EXPERIENCE DRIVING SUPPLY CHAIN TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION GLOBALLY. AS VP NORTH AMERICA AT DEXORY, TODD LEADS EXPANSION INTO THE U.S. MARKET, LEVERAGING DEXORY'S CUTTING-EDGE AUTONOMOUS MOBILE ROBOTS AND AI-DRIVEN DATA PLATFORM, DEXORYVIEW. BEFORE JOINING DEXORY, TODD WAS DIRECTOR OF PRODUCT MANAGEMENT IN ROBOTICS AND AUTOMATION AT ZEBRA TECHNOLOGIES, WHERE HE HELPED SPEARHEAD PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS IN WAREHOUSE TECHNOLOGY, INCLUDING ESTABLISHING ZEBRA'S AUTOMATION BUSINESS UNIT AND ACQUIRING AMR PROVIDER FETCH. TODD BLENDS INNOVATION STRATEGY, EXECUTION, AND ADVISORY ACROSS DYNAMIC SUPPLY CHAIN ENVIRONMENTS.



JOHN BROOKS
CEO
WAREHOUSE ON WHEELS

JOHN BROOKS SERVES AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR WAREHOUSE ON WHEELS (WOW). WOW IS A FAMILY OF COMPANIES REPRESENTING SOME OF AMERICA'S MOST RESPECTED REGIONAL TRAILER RENTAL PROVIDERS. WE SERVE CUSTOMERS ACROSS A MULTITUDE OF INDUSTRIES WITH HIGH-QUALITY STORAGE, CARTAGE, AND OVER-THE-ROAD TRAILERS. AFTER STARTING THE BUSINESS IN 2018 WITH 2 OFFICES AND 4,000 TRAILERS, WOW HAS 37 OFFICES LOCATED ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO AND CANADA, OVER 36,000 TRAILERS AVAILABLE FOR RENT, AND IS PROUD TO SERVE CUSTOMERS ACROSS VARIOUS GEOGRAPHIES.



ANDREW BYER
FOUNDER/PRINCIPAL
TRANSFORMGROW SUPPLY CHAIN CONSULTING LLC

AFTER MORE THAN 39 YEARS IN PROCTER & GAMBLE'S SUPPLY CHAIN ORGANIZATION, ANDREW NOW LEADS A BOUTIQUE CONSULTING COMPANY OFFERING ADVISORY, STRATEGY, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND CONSULTING SERVICES. HE ALSO DOES INDUSTRY SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS, GUEST LECTURING, WRITING AND PROVIDES RESEARCH SUPPORT.



BRIAN CERAOLO
PRESIDENT & CEO
PEERLESS MEDIA, LLC

BRIAN IS THE FOUNDER AND CEO OF PEERLESS MEDIA. HE HAS 30 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN B2B PUBLISHING; 27 OF WHICH ARE IN THE LOGISTICS, SUPPLY CHAIN AND MATERIALS HANDLING MARKETS. BRIAN'S VISION WHEN LAUNCHING PEERLESS WAS TO CREATE A UNIQUE MEDIA COMPANY FOR THE NEW DIGITAL ERA IN PUBLISHING, OFFERING BOTH THE TRADITIONAL PRINT AND ONLINE B2B PRODUCTS, WHILE ADOPTING NEW DIGITAL SERVICES SUCH AS MARKET INTELLIGENCE, SEO ENHANCEMENT, BEHAVIORAL TARGETING AND CONTENT ENGAGEMENT. HIS GOAL IS FOR PEERLESS TO BECOME A FULL-SERVICE MEDIA PARTNER TO THEIR CLIENTS.



RAVI CHAVALI

CTO
IMAGINNOVATE INC

AS THE HEAD OF OUR TECHNOLOGY DIVISION, RAVI CHAVALI DRIVES INNOVATION IN ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE, CLOUD SERVICES, AND OUR AI PORTFOLIO. BY COLLABORATING CLOSELY WITH OUR PRODUCTS DIVISION, HE DELIVERS AUTOMATED SOLUTIONS THAT CREATE TANGIBLE BENEFITS FOR OUR CUSTOMERS—REDUCING COSTS AND IMPROVING ACCURACY AND SPEED. FOR OUR SERVICES DIVISION, RAVI IS ACTIVELY AUGMENTING OUR HOMEGROWN SUPPLY CHAIN AUTOMATION FRAMEWORK USING AGENTIC AI TO PIONEER NEW SOLUTIONS ACROSS THE SUPPLY CHAIN INDUSTRY.



ROSEMARY COATES

FOUNDER AND EXEC. DIR.
RESHORING INSTITUTE

ROSEMARY COATES IS THE FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE RESHORING INSTITUTE, A 501C3 NONPROFIT AND NON-PARTISAN ORGANIZATION THAT IS FOCUSED ON EXPANDING U.S. MANUFACTURING. SHE IS ALSO THE PRESIDENT OF BLUE SILK CONSULTING, A GLOBAL SUPPLY-CHAIN MANAGEMENT CONSULTING FIRM. SHE ALSO WORKS AS AN EXPERT WITNESS ON LEGAL CASES INVOLVING GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN DISPUTES AND HAS WORKED ON OVER 60 LEGAL CASES.



THOMAS COOK

MANAGING DIRECTOR
BLUE TIGER INTERNATIONAL

TOM IS MANAGING DIRECTOR OF BLUE TIGER INTERNATIONAL (BLUETIGERINTL.COM), AN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS CONSULTANCY ADVISING ON SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT, TRADE COMPLIANCE, PURCHASING, TRADE AND DISRUPTION MANAGEMENT, GLOBAL BUSINESS AND LOGISTICS. TOM WAS FORMER CEO OF AMERICAN RIVER INTERNATIONAL IN NY AND APEX GLOBAL LOGISTICS SUPPLY CHAIN OPERATION IN LA. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE NY DISTRICT EXPORT COUNCIL AND SERVES ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DISTRICT EXPORT COUNCILS (NADEC). BLUE TIGER INTERNATIONAL IS A STRATEGIC PARTNER OF THE US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. TOM HAS WRITTEN MORE THAN 20 BOOKS ON GLOBAL TRADE, THE LATEST SCHEDULED FOR PUBLICATION IN FALL 2025 ENTITLED “MANAGING TRADE AND TARIFF DISRUPTION.”



JONATHON CRAFTON

SYSTEMS ARCHITECT
KOHLER COMPANY

JONATHON CRAFTON IS A SYSTEMS ARCHITECT AT KOHLER COMPANY. WITH 13 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE LOGISTICS FIELD AND OVER 10 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WITH BLUE YONDER WMS, HE HAS LED DEPLOYMENTS ACROSS VARIOUS ENTERPRISE SUPPLY CHAIN SYSTEMS, INCLUDING SAP. JONATHON HAS ALSO HELD LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN STRATEGIC PLANNING, BUSINESS PROCESS IMPROVEMENT, AND OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT. CURRENTLY, IN ADDITION TO LEADING WMS IMPLEMENTATIONS, HE LEADS THE CYCLE PLATFORM IMPLEMENTATION AT KOHLER, MODERNIZING END-TO-END TESTING IN WMS DEPLOYMENTS.



KANDI CROWE

SR. DIRECTOR CUSTOMER DISTRIBUTION
KELLANOVA



DEREK DALMOLIN

DIR. - R&D PROCUREMENT
REGENERON PHARMACEUTICALS

DEREK SERVES AS THE DIRECTOR OF R&D PROCUREMENT AT REGENERON PHARMACEUTICALS, WHERE HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADVANCING GLOBAL LABORATORY AND QUALITY CONTROL OPERATIONS THROUGH PROCESS INNOVATION, TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION, AND OPTIMIZED PROCUREMENT OF LAB CONSUMABLES. HE ALSO PROUDLY CO-LEADS REGENERON'S VETERAN EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUP (VET), DRIVING SUPPORT FOR VETERANS ACROSS THE COMPANY. WITH MORE THAN 16 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN PHARMACEUTICAL R&D PROCUREMENT – INCLUDING ROLES AT BOTH REGENERON AND JOHNSON & JOHNSON – DEREK BRINGS A WEALTH OF EXPERTISE IN CATEGORY STRATEGY, PROCESS IMPROVEMENT, AND TEAM LEADERSHIP.



SCOTT DEGROOT

MANAGING DIR. AND LECTURER - GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN
INSTITUTE
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

SCOTT IS CURRENTLY THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, ADJUNCT LECTURER, AND RESEARCHER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE'S HASLAM COLLEGE OF BUSINESS GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN INSTITUTE. PRIOR TO THAT, HE WAS THE GLOBAL VICE PRESIDENT OF PLANNING AND DISTRIBUTION AT KIMBERLY-CLARK CORPORATION. IN THIS ROLE, SCOTT AND HIS TEAM WERE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE RESULTS DELIVERY OF PLANNING, S&OP, CUSTOMER-FACING LOGISTICS, PHYSICAL LOGISTICS OPERATING EXCELLENCE, ON-TIME IN-FULL AND NORTH AMERICAN TRANSPORT. HIS TEAM DELIVERED OUR PRODUCTS TO KC'S CONSUMERS EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY, EVERY DAY, EVERY TIME, AND EVERYWHERE. HIS TEAM OPTIMIZED OVERALL LOGISTIC SPEND OF \$1.8B, \$1.7B OF INVENTORY AND DELIVERED INDUSTRY LEADING OTIF RESULTS.



DEAN DORCAS

CO-FOUNDER AND CEO
EASY METRICS, INC.

DEAN DORCAS IS THE CEO AND CO-FOUNDER OF EASY METRICS, A LEADING WAREHOUSE LABOR MANAGEMENT AND ANALYTICS SOFTWARE COMPANY. HE LAUNCHED EASY METRICS IN 2013, SPINNING OFF TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPED AT INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (IMS), WHICH HE CO-FOUNDED TO MANAGE DISTRIBUTION CENTERS FOR MAJOR GLOBAL RETAILERS. IN 2024, DEAN WAS THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND SECURING A TRANSFORMATIVE PRIVATE EQUITY PARTNERSHIP, ORCHESTRATING THE ACQUISITION OF COMPETITOR TZA, AND SOLIDIFYING EASY METRICS' INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP. A U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY GRADUATE, RANKING #1 IN ECONOMICS AND IN THE TOP 1% OF HIS CLASS, DEAN ALSO GRADUATED FROM THE OWNER/PRESIDENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AT THE HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL.



LISA DRANE

DIR., PROCUREMENT SUPPLY INNOVATION, LOGISTICS &
WAREHOUSE
DIAGEO



TIMOTHY M. EGAN

SR. DIR., WAREHOUSING & LOGISTICS
OUR HOME



DREW EUBANK

EVP & CO-FOUNDER
ZION SOLUTIONS GROUP

DREW EUBANK IS THE EVP & CO-FOUNDER OF ZION SOLUTIONS GROUP. HE IS AN OPERATIONS EXECUTIVE WITH OVER 20 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE RUNNING BOTH LARGE AND SMALL OPERATIONS, BUILDING AND LEADING HIGH-PERFORMING TEAMS, AND DEVELOPING STRATEGIES THAT DRIVE SIGNIFICANT RETURNS.



MARCOS FELICIANO

SALES EXECUTIVE
HAI ROBOTICS

MARCOS FELICIANO IS A SALES EXECUTIVE WITH A STRONG TRACK RECORD IN DELIVERING ADVANCED AUTOMATION AND SUPPLY CHAIN SOLUTIONS ACROSS THE LOGISTICS, E-COMMERCE, RETAIL, AND MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES. CURRENTLY AT HAI ROBOTICS, MARCOS LEVERAGES HIS EXPERTISE TO HELP BUSINESSES IMPLEMENT CUTTING-EDGE AUTOMATION SOLUTIONS THAT DRIVE WAREHOUSE EFFICIENCY AND SCALABILITY.

WITH PREVIOUS ROLES AT KÖRBER SUPPLY CHAIN, DEMATIC, AND TOYOTA MATERIAL HANDLING SYSTEMS, MARCOS IS KNOWN FOR BUILDING TRUSTED CLIENT RELATIONSHIPS, TAILORING AUTOMATION STRATEGIES TO UNIQUE OPERATIONAL NEEDS, AND LEADING END-TO-END PROCESSES UP TO IMPLEMENTATION TO ENSURE LASTING CUSTOMER SUCCESS.



TATIANA FREIRE

SR. DIR., NA SUPPLY CHAIN EXCELLENCE
KENVUE



PATRICK GIBBONS

PRESIDENT, THE EMERSON GROUP
THE EMERSON GROUP

MR. GIBBONS, PRESIDENT OF EMERSON LOGISTICS, IS ONE OF THE FOUNDING PARTNERS OF THE EMERSON GROUP, JOINING THE COMPANY IN 1995. PRIOR TO THAT, HE WAS WITH NOVARTIS AND SANOFI AVENTIS IN VARIOUS SALES AND MARKETING POSITIONS. HE LEADS DISTRIBUTION AND OPERATIONS FOR EMERSON HEALTHCARE. HE WORKS OUT OF THE EMERSON HEADQUARTERS IN WAYNE, PENNSYLVANIA. HE HOLDS A BBA FROM TEMPLE UNIVERSITY. PARTICIPATES REGULARLY IN HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL, FUTURE OF COMMERCE, ADVANCED LEARNING SERIES 2021-2023. CHAIRMAN OF THE LOGISTICS STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSUMER HEALTHCARE PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION 2020 -2023.



SANJAY GUPTA

VP OF INTEGRATED SUPPLY CHAIN
IMBED BIOSCIENCES INC.

SANJAY GUPTA IS VICE PRESIDENT OF INTEGRATED SUPPLY CHAIN AT IMBED BIOSCIENCES INC., WHERE HE LEADS END-TO-END SUPPLY CHAIN STRATEGY, MANUFACTURING, AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE FOR ADVANCED WOUND CARE PRODUCTS. WITH MORE THAN TWO DECADES OF GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN AND LOGISTICS LEADERSHIP, HE HAS PIONEERED THE USE OF AI APPLICATIONS TO IMPROVE RESILIENCE, COMPLIANCE, AND COST EFFICIENCY IN MEDTECH SUPPLY CHAINS.



SAURABH GUPTA

CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER
GREYORANGE

AS CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER, SAURABH GUPTA LEADS GREYORANGE'S GLOBAL ENGINEERING AND PRODUCT TEAMS, DRIVING THE INNOVATION BEHIND THE WORLD'S LEADING AI-DRIVEN ORCHESTRATION PLATFORM. SAURABH IS A DISTINGUISHED TECHNOLOGY LEADER WITH A TRACK RECORD OF STEERING ICONIC PRODUCTS FROM CONCEPT TO MASS PRODUCTION. HIS EXPERIENCE INCLUDES SENIOR LEADERSHIP ROLES AT SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST INFLUENTIAL COMPANIES, INCLUDING APPLE, AMAZON, AND NVIDIA. AT APPLE, HE LED SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT FOR MULTIPLE GENERATIONS OF IPODS AND THE VERY FIRST IPHONE. LATER, AT AMAZON, HE BUILT AND SPEARHEADED THEIR CONSUMER ROBOTICS RESEARCH GROUP.



DAVID HAUPTMAN

CCO

KENCO GROUP

DAVE HAUPTMAN IS CURRENTLY THE CHIEF COMMERCIAL OFFICER FOR KENCO. HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALIGNING COMMERCIAL STRATEGY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION, WHICH ENTAILS A MYRIAD OF COMPETENCIES AND ACTIVITIES TIED TO MARKETING, SALES, PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AND ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT, TO DRIVE BUSINESS GROWTH AND MARKET SHARE. PRIOR TO KENCO, HAUPTMAN WAS SVP OF THE STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT OFFICE AT GEODIS WHERE HE LED THE DEVELOPMENT, EXECUTION, AND MANAGEMENT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTION OF GEODIS IN THE AMERICAS. HE ALSO PREVIOUSLY HELD EXECUTIVE ROLES IN MARKETING AND PRODUCT MANAGEMENT WHILE AT GEODIS. HAUPTMAN ALSO HAS PRIOR LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE AT DHL SUPPLY CHAIN AS WELL AS PARCEL AND CONTRACT LOGISTICS.



LANCE HEALY

CEO

FREIGHTFACTS

LANCE HEALY IS THE CO-FOUNDER AND CEO OF FREIGHT FACTS, THE INDUSTRY'S FIRST DATA DRIVEN SHIPPER SCORECARD RELATING TO LTL SHIPPING LOCATION ATTRIBUTES AND BEHAVIORS. PRIOR TO FREIGHT FACTS, LANCE SERVED AS THE VP OF INNOVATIONS AT OPTYM, THAT FOCUSED ON DEVELOPING APPLICATIONS FOR LTL CARRIER LINE AND P&D OPTIMIZATION. PRIOR TO THAT, LANCE WAS THE FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF BANYAN TECHNOLOGY THAT PIONEERED API CONNECTIONS TO LTL CARRIERS IN THE LATE 1990'S. HE WAS AWARDED A US PATENT ON LTL CARRIER DYNAMIC PRICING IN 2018.



BRIAN HORTON

DIR. - SUPPLY CHAIN PROGRAM MGMT

URBN

BRIAN HORTON IS A SEASONED SUPPLY CHAIN LEADER WITH OVER TWO DECADES OF EXPERIENCE DRIVING OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE ACROSS RETAIL AND CONSUMER GOODS. AS DIRECTOR OF SUPPLY CHAIN PROGRAM MANAGEMENT AT URBN—HOME TO BRANDS LIKE URBAN OUTFITTERS, ANTHROPOLOGIE, FREE PEOPLE, AND NUULY—BRIAN LEADS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES THAT OPTIMIZE LOGISTICS, ENHANCE CROSS-FUNCTIONAL COLLABORATION, AND DELIVER SCALABLE SOLUTIONS ACROSS A DYNAMIC PORTFOLIO.



SHANNON HYNDS

CEO & CO-FOUNDER

QUICKCODE

SHANNON HYNDS IS THE CEO AND CO-FOUNDER OF QUICKCODE.AI, A SAAS PLATFORM THAT USES AI AND NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING TO STREAMLINE GLOBAL TRADE COMPLIANCE. WITH A BACKGROUND IN AI AND NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING, SHANNON HAS LED QUICKCODE TO BECOME A TRUSTED PARTNER FOR IMPORTERS, MANUFACTURERS, AND CUSTOMS BROKERS. PRIOR TO FOUNDING QUICKCODE, SHE WORKED ON AI APPLICATIONS FOR THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY. SHANNON IS A FREQUENT SPEAKER AT INDUSTRY CONFERENCES AND A PASSIONATE ADVOCATE FOR COMBINING HUMAN EXPERTISE WITH MACHINE INTELLIGENCE TO SIMPLIFY GLOBAL TRADE.



PHIL KAFARAKIS

PRESIDENT & CEO

IFMA THE FOOD AWAY FROM HOME ASSOCIATION

PHIL KAFARAKIS IS A GLOBAL FOOD INDUSTRY EXECUTIVE WITH MORE THAN 40 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE IN FOOD MANUFACTURING, AS WELL AS MANAGING NON-PROFIT FOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS. CURRENTLY, PHIL SERVES AS PRESIDENT & CEO OF IFMA THE FOOD AWAY FROM HOME ASSOCIATION, A U.S. TRADE GROUP REPRESENTING FOOD, BEVERAGE, PACKAGING, AND EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURING COMPANIES WITHIN THE \$1.5 TRILLION FOOD-AWAY-FROM-HOME INDUSTRY.



SAI KASTURY

DIR. OF PRESALES AND ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE

IMAGINNOVATE INC

SAI KASTURY LEADS OUR DIGITAL, CLOUD & ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE BUSINESS UNIT AROUND PRESALES AND INDUSTRY VERTICAL SOLUTIONING, SPECIALIZING IN GUIDING OUR CUSTOMERS THROUGH DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND CLOUD ADOPTION. WITH EXPERTISE IN INNOVATION, AUTOMATION, AND ANALYTICS, SAI DRIVES BUSINESS GROWTH THROUGH STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY CONSULTING AND ADVISORY SERVICES. A PROVEN LEADER, SAI HAS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE WITH IBM, ORACLE, AND SAP PRODUCTS, EXCELLING IN PROCESS MANAGEMENT, IT.



DOUGLAS KENT

EVP FOR CORPORATE & STRATEGIC ALLIANCES

ASCM

DOUGLAS J. KENT IS THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF SALES AND ALLIANCES AT ASCM. HE OVERSEES ASCM'S NORTH AMERICAN CHAPTERS, INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PARTNERS, CORPORATE CLIENTS, ECOMMERCE AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GROWING AND STRENGTHENING THE ORGANIZATION'S STRATEGIC COLLABORATIONS.



ARUN KOCHAR

PARTNER

KEARNEY

ARUN IS A PARTNER IN KEARNEY'S STRATEGIC OPERATIONS PRACTICE. HE HAS TWENTY YEARS OF C-SUITE, BOARD & SENIOR MANAGEMENT CONSULTING EXPERIENCE ACROSS AMERICAS, EUROPE, AND ASIA. HIS EXPERIENCE COVERS MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS AND RETAILERS IN MULTIPLE INDUSTRIES INCLUDING CONSUMER PACKAGED GOODS, RETAIL, AND PROCESS INDUSTRIES.



DAVE KORDIK

**VP CUSTOMER TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS
MEDLINE**

DAVE KORDIK SERVES AS VICE PRESIDENT OF CUSTOMER AND SALES TECHNOLOGY AT MEDLINE INDUSTRIES. FOR THE PAST 18 YEARS, HE'S DRIVEN IMPROVEMENTS IN EFFICIENCY, AGILITY, AND VALUE ACROSS THE COMPANY'S OPERATIONS. THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, DAVE HAS DESIGNED ADVANCED ANALYTICS APPROACHES THAT HELP TEAMS ACT QUICKLY, NOT JUST REPORT ON PAST DATA. HIS WORK IN PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND AUTOMATION HAS BOOSTED PRODUCTIVITY AND STREAMLINED COMPLEX WORKFLOWS.



LIZ KOZIOL

**SR. VP OF OPERATIONS
FEDEX SUPPLY CHAIN**

LIZ JOINED FEDEX SUPPLY CHAIN IN 2015 AND WAS NAMED SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS IN JANUARY 2022. WITH OVER 20 YEARS IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT BUSINESS, SHE CURRENTLY OVERSEES THE OPERATIONS FOR FEDEX SUPPLY CHAIN CUSTOMERS IN HEALTHCARE, TECHNOLOGY AND ELECTRONICS, RETAIL, CONSUMER GOODS, AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT INDUSTRIES.



NURA KRUCIAK

**SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT - VERTICAL LEADER, CLIENT SERVICES
GEODIS**

DRIVEN BY A PASSION FOR CLIENT EXCELLENCE, NURA KRUCIAK LEADS THE STRATEGIC DIRECTION AND EXECUTION OF CLIENT SERVICES ACROSS THE AMERICAS FOR GEODIS, SPECIFICALLY IN THE RETAIL, HI-TECH AND HEALTHCARE VERTICALS. IN THIS ROLE, SHE UNIFIES CROSS-FUNCTIONAL TEAMS TO DRIVE STRATEGY, ENHANCE SERVICE EXECUTION, FOSTER GROWTH AND STRENGTHEN LONG-TERM PARTNERSHIPS.



MICHAEL LEVANS

**GROUP EDITORIAL DIRECTOR
PEERLESS MEDIA**

MICHAEL LEVANS IS THE GROUP EDITORIAL DIRECTOR AT PEERLESS MEDIA, WHERE HE OVERSEES SEVERAL INDUSTRY-LEADING PUBLICATIONS, INCLUDING LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT, SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT REVIEW, AND MODERN MATERIALS HANDLING. WITH OVER 30 YEARS IN B2B MEDIA MANAGEMENT AND DECADES OF EXPERIENCE IN THE LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY CHAIN INDUSTRIES, LEVANS HAS ESTABLISHED HIMSELF AS A TRUSTED AUTHORITY, PROVIDING INSIGHTS ON THE LATEST TRENDS, CHALLENGES, AND INNOVATIONS. UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, THESE PUBLICATIONS HAVE BECOME KEY RESOURCES FOR PROFESSIONALS SEEKING TO NAVIGATE THE COMPLEXITIES OF LOGISTICS, SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT, AND MATERIALS HANDLING OPERATIONS.



VAL MARCHEVSKY

EVP AND CTO
UBER FREIGHT

VAL MARCHEVSKY IS THE EVP AND CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER AT UBER FREIGHT, A MARKET-LEADING ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY COMPANY POWERING INTELLIGENT LOGISTICS. HE LEADS THE COMPANY'S GLOBAL ENGINEERING, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT, AND IT TEAMS TO DELIVER CUTTING-EDGE SOFTWARE, SERVICES AND PLATFORMS ENABLING THE FUTURE OF LOGISTICS. VAL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SPEARHEADING UBER FREIGHT'S DYNAMIC MARKETPLACE POWERED BY AI AND MACHINE LEARNING, HELPING TO INNOVATE THE BUSINESS' SOFTWARE AND BUILD ONE OF THE BEST MOBILE APPS IN THE LOGISTICS INDUSTRY.



DR. STEVEN ALEXANDER MELNYK

PROFESSOR EMERITUS
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

STEVEN A. MELNYK (PH.D., WESTERN – 1981) IS PROFESSOR OF SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT (RETIRED/EMERITUS) AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY. HE HAS CO-AUTHORED 25 BOOKS, OVER 100 REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES AND OVER 300 PRACTITIONER ARTICLES. HIS RESEARCH FOCUS INCLUDES BUYER-SUPPLIER RELATIONSHIPS (AS VIEWED FROM THE SUPPLIER'S PERSPECTIVE), SUPPLY CHAIN RISK AND RESILIENCE, STRATEGIC SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT, SUPPLY CHAIN CYBER SECURITY, AND CERTIFIED MANAGEMENT STANDARDS. FROM 2014 TO 2016, DR. MELNYK WAS A MEMBER OF THE APICS BOARD OF DIRECTORS.



ANDY MODALE

VP OF ENGINEERING DESIGN
MAERSK

ANDY MODALE IS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF ENGINEERING DESIGN AT MAERSK, WHERE HE LEADS TEAMS IN DELIVERING CUTTING-EDGE AUTOMATION SOLUTIONS FOR WAREHOUSING AND DISTRIBUTION. WITH OVER 30 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN ENGINEERING, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, AND SALES LEADERSHIP—including NEARLY 25 YEARS AT HONEYWELL INTELLIGRATED—ANDY IS A PROVEN EXPERT IN MATERIAL HANDLING AND FULFILLMENT SYSTEMS.



BILL MONK

VP OF DISTRIBUTION & TRANSPORTATION
GNC HOLDINGS LLC

BILL MONK IS A HIGHLY ACCOMPLISHED EXECUTIVE IN DISTRIBUTION AND TRANSPORTATION, WITH MORE THAN THREE DECADES OF LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE DRIVING INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY, AND SCALABILITY IN THE RETAIL AND ECOMMERCE DISTRIBUTION INDUSTRY. HE HAS HELD VARIOUS LEADERSHIP ROLES AT SOME OF THE MOST RESPECTED BRANDS IN THE SECTOR, INCLUDING GNC, NORDSTROM, AVON, LONGABERGER, VICTORIA'S SECRET DIRECT, AND UPS.



KRISTI MONTGOMERY

VP OF INNOVATION, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT
KENCO

KRISTI IS A DYNAMIC EXPLORER OF STRATEGIC INNOVATION THAT DRIVES TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE. SHE IS THE EXECUTIVE LEADER OF KENCO INNOVATION LABS, A DEDICATED TEAM FOCUSED ON INDUSTRY DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND INNOVATION, IDENTIFYING OVER \$50M IN COST SAVING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS. WITH 30+ YEARS OF LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY CHAIN EXPERIENCE, KRISTI PRACTICES APPLIED INNOVATION, PARTNERING WITH ENTREPRENEURS, STARTUPS, AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES TO PILOT SOLUTIONS AND DELIVER BUSINESS VALUE FOR THE 200+ CUSTOMERS THAT KENCO SERVES IN NORTH AMERICA.



MIKE NEILL

CTO
C.H. ROBINSON



JOSH OWEN

FOUNDER, PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN
CYCLE LABS

JOSH IS THE CEO AND CO-FOUNDER OF CYCLE LABS. PRIOR TO CYCLE LABS, JOSH FOUNDED AND LED A GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN CONSULTING FIRM THROUGH 12 YEARS OF ORGANIC GROWTH WHERE HE ALSO LED THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CYCLE PRODUCT FROM ITS IDEA PHASE TO THE VALUABLE ENTERPRISE CONTINUOUS TESTING PLATFORM IT IS TODAY. WITH OVER 19 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE DEPLOYING ENTERPRISE SOLUTIONS ACROSS VARIOUS INDUSTRY VERTICALS, JOSH IS DEDICATED TO MODERNIZING ENTERPRISE SOLUTION DEPLOYMENT AND HELPING COMPANIES FOCUS ON BUSINESS GROWTH RATHER THAN BUSINESS RISK. JOSH LEADS HIS TEAMS WITH AN EMPHASIS ON CULTURE AND A FOCUS ON INNOVATION, CURIOSITY, AND A WILLINGNESS TO ASK WHY. CYCLE LABS ENCOURAGES CLIENTS AND TEAMS TO QUESTION EVERYTHING AND STRIVE FOR CONTINUOUS, ITERATIVE IMPROVEMENT.



ERIC PETERS

PRESIDENT AND CEO
PROCURANT

ERIC PETERS IS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF SENSORTHINK, THE FIRST DIGITAL PLATFORM BUILT FOR THE WAREHOUSING AND COMMERCIAL BUILDING INDUSTRY. SENSORTHINK IS AN IOT ENABLED PLATFORM THAT MANAGES ALL AUTOMATION, DEVICES AND SENSORS IN A BUILDING. HE IS THE FORMER PRESIDENT AND CEO OF FOODLINK, A LEADING NETWORK FOR PERISHABLES FOODS AND A LEADER IN THE PERISHABLES SUPPLY CHAIN. PRIOR TO JOINING FOODLINK, MR. PETERS SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF TRUEDEMAND ACOSTA, A ROLE HE WAS APPOINTED TO AFTER THE SUCCESSFUL ACQUISITION OF TRUEDEMAND BY ACOSTA SALES & MARKETING, A LEADING FULL-SERVICE SALES AND MARKETING AGENCY TO THE CONSUMER-PACKAGED GOODS INDUSTRY. PRIOR TO ACOSTA, PETERS WAS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND CO-FOUNDER OF TRUEDEMAND.



JEFF POTTS
CHIEF CUSTOMER OFFICER
AUTOSCHEDULER.AI, INC.

HAVING OVER 30 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WITHIN THE SUPPLY CHAIN INDUSTRY, MY GOAL IS ASSURING INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVE VALUE FROM OUR RELATIONSHIP.



ANDREI QUINN-BARABANOV
SUPPLY CHAIN INDUSTRY PRACTICE LEAD
MOODY'S

ANDREI QUINN-BARABANOV HAS BEEN MOODY'S ANALYTICS' LEAD SUPPLY CHAIN EXPERT SINCE 2022. HE SHAPES PREDICTIVE CAPABILITIES OF MOODY'S SUPPLY CHAIN RISK SOLUTION. ANDREI PARTICULARLY ENJOYS CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH CUSTOMERS, AS THEY WORK THROUGH MANY ISSUES THAT MAKE PRACTITIONERS' LIVES IN SUPPLY CHAIN SO EXCITING (SOMETIMES EXCESSIVELY). MOODY'S SOLUTION HELPS CUSTOMERS TO IDENTIFY, ASSESS, PRIORITIZE, AND MITIGATE SUPPLY CHAIN RISKS.



JEFF RHODES
DIRECTOR OF SALES
TGW LOGISTICS



PUSHPINDER SINGH
GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN TRANSFORMATION LEADER
IBM

PUSHPINDER SINGH IS THE GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN TRANSFORMATION LEADER WITHIN IBM CONSULTING. WITH OVER 24 YEARS' EXPERIENCE IN SUPPLY CHAIN TRANSFORMATION, PUSHPINDER HAS PARTNERED WITH C-SUITE EXECUTIVES AT SOME OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST COMPANIES, GUIDING THEM THROUGH THE COMPLEXITIES OF BUILDING RESILIENT SUPPLY CHAINS IN THE FACE OF INCREASING DISRUPTIONS.



COLLIN STIFFLER

PRODUCT LEADER FOR WATSONX.AI
IBM

COLLIN STIFFLER IS AN ADVISORY PARTNER TECHNICAL SPECIALIST (PTS-P) AT IBM WITH A FOCUS ON DATA PLATFORM SOLUTIONS. LEVERAGING DEEP EXPERTISE ACROSS THE WATSONX PORTFOLIO, COLLIN PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN EMPOWERING RESELL PARTNERS TO DELIVER INNOVATIVE AI AND DATA-DRIVEN SOLUTIONS. HE SPECIALIZES IN DRIVING ADOPTION, OFFERING STRATEGIC TECHNICAL GUIDANCE, AND DESIGNING HANDS-ON TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS THAT ACCELERATE PARTNER SUCCESS.



TODD STILLWELL

VP OF SUPPLY CHAIN AND MANUFACTURING
DOLE PACKAGED FOODS

TODD STILLWELL IS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF SUPPLY CHAIN AND MANUFACTURING AT DOLE PACKAGED FOODS. WITH OVER 25 YEARS OF GLOBAL, END-TO-END SUPPLY CHAIN LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE, TODD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OPTIMIZING DOLE'S U.S. SUPPLY CHAIN OPERATIONS. HE FOCUSES ON ENHANCING PARTNER RELATIONSHIPS, IMPLEMENTING NEW PROCESSES TO DRIVE EFFICIENCY, AND OVERSEEING STRATEGIC INITIATIVES ACROSS DOLE'S U.S. FROZEN MANUFACTURING, WAREHOUSING, DISTRIBUTION, INVENTORY CONTROL, TRANSPORTATION, AND IMPORT-EXPORT COMPLIANCE.



BRIAN STRAIGHT

EDITOR IN CHIEF, SCMR
PEERLESS MEDIA, LLC



TERRY STUMPF

RETIRED – SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGER
TOYOTA MOTOR MANUFACTURING INDIANA

WITH OVER TWO DECADES OF EXPERIENCE IN HUMAN RESOURCES AT VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND 14 YEARS IN SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT AT TOYOTA MOTOR MANUFACTURING, INDIANA, TERRY STUMPF “STUMPER” BRINGS A RARE BLEND OF STRATEGIC INSIGHT AND OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE TO EVERY CHALLENGE. HAVING NAVIGATED BOTH UNIONIZED AND NON-UNION ENVIRONMENTS, STUMPER HAS DEVELOPED A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF WORKFORCE DYNAMICS, LABOR RELATIONS, AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.



RANDY TARANTINO

GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY DIR. OF INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY
STRATEGY
SYSCO

RANDY TARANTINO SERVES AS SYSCO'S GLOBAL DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY AND INNOVATION PARTNERSHIPS AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR THE COMPANY'S NEXT-GENERATION AGENTIC AI PLATFORM. HE BRINGS MORE THAN 27 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION, SUPPLY CHAIN, AND IT LEADERSHIP, WITH A PROVEN TRACK RECORD IN REGULATED INDUSTRIES INCLUDING LIFE SCIENCES AND FOOD SERVICE.



SRIDHAR THIRUMALAI

DIRECTOR, LAST MILE DELIVERY
WALMART

SRIDHAR THIRUMALAI IS AN ACCOMPLISHED SUPPLY CHAIN EXECUTIVE WITH OVER 18 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AT LEADING GLOBAL ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING APPLE, META, TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES TCS, AND WALMART. HE CURRENTLY SERVES AS DIRECTOR OF LAST MILE DELIVERY AT WALMART, WHERE HE SPEARHEADS MULTIPLE STRATEGIC INITIATIVES THAT LEVERAGE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING TO ADDRESS COMPLEX LAST MILE LOGISTICS CHALLENGES. THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, SRIDHAR HAS DEMONSTRATED EXPERTISE IN SUPPLY-DEMAND PLANNING, END-TO-END DELIVERY OPTIMIZATION, AND TECHNOLOGY-DRIVEN TRANSFORMATION ACROSS THE SUPPLY CHAIN SECTOR. HE IS RECOGNIZED FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO ADVANCING SUPPLY CHAIN INNOVATION AND OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE.



VICTORIA WADE

ASSOC. VP, GLOBAL SUPPLY PLANNING
ELI LILLY

VICTORIA WADE IS AN EXPERIENCED LIFE SCIENCES SUPPLY CHAIN LEADER WITH A CAREER FOCUSED ON DRIVING OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE AND TRANSFORMATION. SHE HELD NUMEROUS LEADERSHIP ROLES INCLUDING SIX SIGMA BLACK BELT, LOGISTICS, SUPPLY CHAIN CONSULTING, TRANSFORMATION, MANUFACTURING SUPPLY CHAIN OVERSIGHT, DEMAND MANAGEMENT, & CUSTOMER SERVICE, ENSURING RELIABLE PRODUCT SUPPLY AND STRONG CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT OVER HER 25-YEAR CAREER.



JARED WEISFELD

CHIEF STRATEGY OFFICER
RXO

JARED WEISFELD IS A RECOGNIZED GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY SECTOR EXPERT RESPONSIBLE FOR RXO'S STRATEGY AND ANALYSIS OF GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES, AS WELL AS OVERSEEING ENGAGEMENT WITH THE INVESTOR COMMUNITY. PRIOR TO JOINING RXO, MR. WEISFELD SERVED AS A MANAGING DIRECTOR AT JEFFERIES FINANCIAL GROUP, WHERE HE WAS RANKED AMONG THE TOP THREE SPECIALISTS IN THE TECHNOLOGY, MEDIA AND TELECOM SECTOR ON INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR'S ALL-AMERICA SURVEY FOR 2020 AND 2021. HE WAS PREVIOUSLY A PARTNER AT MARGATE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT AND WORKED AS AN ASSOCIATE PORTFOLIO MANAGER WITH BALLYASNY ASSET MANAGEMENT, WHERE HE WAS ALSO TWICE RECOGNIZED AS ANALYST OF THE YEAR.



ROSINA WICKART

**VP OF MEDTECH SUPPLY CHAIN PROCUREMENT
JOHNSON & JOHNSON**

ROSINA WICKART IS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF MEDTECH SUPPLY CHAIN PROCUREMENT, WHERE SHE LEADS THE ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR THE STRATEGIC SOURCING OF ALL DIRECT MATERIALS AND SERVICES SUPPORTING OVER \$30 BILLION IN SALES ACROSS MEDTECH. UNDER HER LEADERSHIP, THE PROCUREMENT TEAM IS DEDICATED TO DELIVERING VALUE BY EFFECTIVELY SELECTING AND MANAGING THE SUPPLIER NETWORK AND ENSURING OPTIMAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE VARIOUS MEDTECH BUSINESS UNITS. ROSINA IS A KEY MEMBER OF THE MEDTECH SUPPLY CHAIN LEADERSHIP TEAM.



LAURA A. WILKIN

**BOARD DIRECTOR
GXO LOGISTICS, INC.**

LAURA WILKIN IS AN EXPERIENCED PUBLIC BOARD DIRECTOR AND SUPPLY CHAIN EXECUTIVE.

MOST RECENTLY LAURA SERVED AS VICE PRESIDENT OF GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN AND INDUSTRIAL REAL ESTATE AT AMAZON, WHERE SHE HELPED THE COMPANY DOUBLE ITS GLOBAL FULFILLMENT NETWORK TO ACCOMMODATE MASSIVE COVID-19-DRIVEN GROWTH. SHE LED GLOBAL TEAMS INCLUDING CAPACITY PLANNING, SALES & OPERATIONS PLANNING, INDUSTRIAL REAL ESTATE, OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE, QUALITY ASSURANCE AND SELLER SUPPORT ACROSS NORTH AMERICA, THE EUROPEAN UNION, CHINA, INDIA AND COSTA RICA.



JACKIE WU

**CO-FOUNDER & CEO
CORVUS ROBOTICS**

JACKIE IS THE CEO AND CO-FOUNDER OF CORVUS ROBOTICS, A COMPANY REVOLUTIONIZING GLOBAL INVENTORY VISIBILITY. WITH FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE IN WAREHOUSES ACROSS FOUR CONTINENTS, HE RECOGNIZED A UNIVERSAL CHALLENGE IN SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT: THE OUTDATED METHODS OF INVENTORY CHECKS. WITH A FOUNDATION IN ROBOTICS ENGINEERING AND ECONOMICS, JACKIE IDENTIFIED THE POTENTIAL TO INTEGRATE AI, AUTONOMY, AND COMPUTER VISION WITH CUTTING-EDGE HARDWARE MANUFACTURING, PAVING THE WAY FOR A TRANSFORMATIVE INVENTORY MANAGEMENT SOLUTION IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN INDUSTRY.

ADVISORY BOARD



LUCY B. ALEXANDER

ADVISOR
KEYCHAIN CONSULTING

LUCY ALEXANDER IS A GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN EXECUTIVE WITH DEEP EXPERIENCE ACROSS ALL ASPECTS OF SUPPLY IN LIFE SCIENCES AND CONSUMER PRODUCTS. MOST RECENTLY SHE LED LEAN DIGITAL EXCELLENCE FOR ASTRAZENECA GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN & STRATEGY, DEVELOPING ROBUST STRATEGY, LEAN, DIGITAL, DATA MANAGEMENT AND PEOPLE CAPABILITIES ACROSS THE GLOBAL ORGANIZATION TO CREATE AND IMPROVE EFFICIENT, RELIABLE, INNOVATIVE GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS IN AN INCREASINGLY VOLATILE WORLD. SHE CURRENTLY SERVES AS AN ADVISOR TO PAXAFE, A RISK-MANAGEMENT AND DECISION-INTELLIGENCE PLATFORM FOR TEMPERATURE-CONTROLLED LOGISTICS THAT WORKS WITH QUALITY, TRANSPORTATION AND SUPPLY-CHAIN PLANNING LEADERS TO REDUCE PRODUCT LOSS, OPTIMIZE NETWORK PERFORMANCE, AND ACCELERATE DECISION-MAKING.



ALAN AMLING

ASST. PROFESSOR OF PRACTICE
UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

DISTINGUISHED FELLOW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE; CEO OF THRIVE AND ADVANCE LLC, ALAN AMLING IS A TED SPEAKER AND SUPPLY CHAIN THOUGHT LEADER. ALAN HELPED DRIVE INNOVATION OVER A 27-YEAR CAREER WITH UPS AND IS CURRENTLY A DISTINGUISHED FELLOW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, CEO OF ADVISORY FIRM THRIVE AND ADVANCE LLC, AND ON THE EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE GEORGIA TECH MANUFACTURING INSTITUTE. HE RESEARCHES, INVESTS, ADVISES, AND SPEAKS ON INNOVATION IN LOGISTICS AND HOW ALL FIRMS CAN RECOGNIZE AND THRIVE IN DISRUPTION. HIS FIRST BOOK, ORGANIZATIONAL VELOCITY, WAS RELEASED IN MARCH 2022.



AMY T. AUGUSTINE

VP OF OPERATIONS AND SUPPLY CHAIN
CHAMPRO



ANDREW BYER

FOUNDER/PRINCIPAL

TRANSFORMGROW SUPPLY CHAIN CONSULTING LLC

AFTER MORE THAN 39 YEARS IN PROCTER & GAMBLE'S SUPPLY CHAIN ORGANIZATION, ANDREW NOW LEADS A BOUTIQUE CONSULTING COMPANY OFFERING ADVISORY, STRATEGY, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND CONSULTING SERVICES. HE ALSO DOES INDUSTRY SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS, GUEST LECTURING, WRITING AND PROVIDES RESEARCH SUPPORT.



TIM R. ENGSTROM

SENIOR VP SUPPLY CHAIN

ESSENDANT

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, SUPPLY CHAIN

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR – SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT, ELMHURST UNIVERSITY

CO-AUTHOR: H.O.P.E. HANDBOOK – A GUIDE FOR DISABILITY HIRING

TIM ENGSTROM IS SVP, SUPPLY CHAIN FOR ESSENDANT BASED IN DEERFIELD, ILLINOIS.



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BRYAN JENSEN

CHAIRMAN AND EVP

ST. ONGE COMPANY

CHAIRMAN AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
BRYAN JENSEN IS A CHAIRMAN AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD WITH THE ST. ONGE COMPANY LOCATED IN YORK, PA. HE HAS OVER 34 YEARS OF LOGISTICS AND MATERIAL HANDLING DISTRIBUTION EXPERIENCE ACROSS SEVERAL AREAS IN PHYSICAL DISTRIBUTION IN THE RETAIL, WHOLESALE AND MANUFACTURING SECTORS, INCLUDING DISTRIBUTION CENTER GROUND UP DESIGN, PROCUREMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION, INCLUDING ALL MHE, WMS AND OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS AND METHODS, NETWORK LOGISTICS, CAPITAL INVESTMENT AND OPERATIONAL BUDGET PLANNING.



DOUGLAS KENT

**EVP FOR CORPORATE & STRATEGIC ALLIANCES
ASCM**

DOUGLAS J. KENT IS THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF SALES AND ALLIANCES AT ASCM. HE OVERSEES ASCM'S NORTH AMERICAN CHAPTERS, INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PARTNERS, CORPORATE CLIENTS, ECOMMERCE AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GROWING AND STRENGTHENING THE ORGANIZATION'S STRATEGIC COLLABORATIONS.



ARUN KOCHAR

**PARTNER
KEARNEY**

ARUN IS A PARTNER IN KEARNEY'S STRATEGIC OPERATIONS PRACTICE. HE HAS TWENTY YEARS OF C-SUITE, BOARD & SENIOR MANAGEMENT CONSULTING EXPERIENCE ACROSS AMERICAS, EUROPE, AND ASIA. HIS EXPERIENCE COVERS MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS AND RETAILERS IN MULTIPLE INDUSTRIES INCLUDING CONSUMER PACKAGED GOODS, RETAIL, AND PROCESS INDUSTRIES.



JAY KOGANTI

**VP SUPPLY CHAIN COE
ESTÉE LAUDER
VICE PRESIDENT – SUPPLY CHAIN COE**

JAY KOGANTI HAS MORE THAN 22 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE BUILDING AND TRANSFORMING COMPLEX GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS AS A SOURCE OF STRATEGIC AND COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE FOR ENTERPRISES. JAY'S PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE INCLUDES DEVELOPING GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN STRATEGIES AND GLOBAL SC OPERATING MODELS. EXTENSIVE ENTERPRISE TRANSFORMATIONS FROM STRATEGY TO OPERATIONALIZATION. ENTERPRISE VALUE CREATION BY BREAKTHROUGH PROCESS INNOVATIONS, SOLVING COMPLEX SUPPLY CHAIN PROBLEMS BY LEVERAGING THE NEW BREED OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES BY NURTURING THE PARTNERSHIPS AND TECHNOLOGY INCUBATION. OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN PLANNING, DISTRIBUTION, INTEGRATED BUSINESS PLANNING, SUPPLY CHAIN ANALYTICS & INTELLIGENCE, AND EXECUTION FOR FORTUNE 100 COMPANIES.



ANIKET KULKARNI

**GLOBAL SUPPLY MANAGER
APPLE**

ANIKET KULKARNI IS A RECOGNIZED LEADER IN GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN STRATEGY, SOURCING, AND RISK MANAGEMENT, WITH A DECADE OF EXPERIENCE DRIVING TRANSFORMATIVE INITIATIVES ACROSS INDUSTRIES. HE CURRENTLY SERVES AS A GLOBAL SUPPLY MANAGER AT APPLE, WHERE HE LEADS STRATEGIC PROCUREMENT EFFORTS AND CROSS-FUNCTIONAL INITIATIVES WITHIN ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST SOPHISTICATED SUPPLY NETWORKS.



ERIC PETERS
PRESIDENT AND CEO
PROCURANT
PRESIDENT AND CEO

ERIC PETERS IS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF SENSORTHINK, THE FIRST DIGITAL PLATFORM BUILT FOR THE WAREHOUSING AND COMMERCIAL BUILDING INDUSTRY. SENSORTHINK IS AN IOT ENABLED PLATFORM THAT MANAGES ALL AUTOMATION, DEVICES AND SENSORS IN A BUILDING. HE IS THE FORMER PRESIDENT AND CEO OF FOODLINK, A LEADING NETWORK FOR PERISHABLES FOODS AND A LEADER IN THE PERISHABLES SUPPLY CHAIN. PRIOR TO JOINING FOODLINK, MR. PETERS SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF TRUEDEMAND ACOSTA, A ROLE HE WAS APPOINTED TO AFTER THE SUCCESSFUL ACQUISITION OF TRUEDEMAND BY ACOSTA SALES & MARKETING, A LEADING FULL-SERVICE SALES AND MARKETING AGENCY TO THE CONSUMER PACKAGED GOODS INDUSTRY.



AMY RARDIN
GLOBAL SR. DIR.
PROCTER & GAMBLE
SUPPLY CHAIN DIGITIZATION & STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS P&G,
GLOBAL SENIOR DIRECTOR

RESULTS ORIENTED, EXPERIENCED LEADER WITH MULTIFACETED EXPERIENCE ACROSS SUPPLY CHAIN, MANUFACTURING, MARKETING, SALES & FINANCE IN A DISTINGUISHED, WORLD-CLASS CONSUMER GOODS COMPANY.



JOHN SANTAGATE
VP ROBOTICS
KÖRBER SUPPLY CHAIN SOFTWARE
VICE PRESIDENT OF ROBOTICS

JOHN SANTAGATE IS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF ROBOTICS AT KÖRBER SUPPLY CHAIN. IN THIS ROLE, JOHN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEFINING AND EXECUTING THE AUTONOMOUS MOBILE ROBOT STRATEGY FOR KÖRBER SUPPLY CHAIN NORTH AMERICA. PRIOR TO JOINING KÖRBER, JOHN WAS A RESEARCH DIRECTOR FOR ROBOTICS AT IDC WHERE HE PROVIDED MARKET TRENDS AND FORECASTS FOR SERVICE ROBOTICS, BUSINESS PROCESS EVOLUTION THROUGH THE USE OF SERVICE ROBOTS, AND THE INTEGRATION OF ROBOTICS INTO BUSINESS PROCESSES AND BUSINESS IT ARCHITECTURE. JOHN HAS AN MBA FROM RUTGERS WITH A CONCENTRATION IN SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT AND A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS WITH DUAL CONCENTRATIONS IN FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT.



PATTI SATTERFIELD
VP GLOBAL MARKETING & BUS. DEV.
KPI INTEGRATED SOLUTIONS
VICE PRESIDENT, GLOBAL MARKETING & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT,
FORTNA

PATTI BRINGS OVER 30 YEARS OF MARKETING AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN SERVICES INDUSTRY. SHE IS ADEPT AT DEVELOPING AND EXECUTING A COMPREHENSIVE AND CLEARLY DEFINED GLOBAL MARKETING AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY THAT SUPPORTS CONSISTENT BUSINESS GROWTH AND ENHANCES BRAND AWARENESS TO A WORLDWIDE TARGET AUDIENCE. HER EXPERTISE RANGES FROM BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND EXECUTION TO EVENT MANAGEMENT, CLIENT AND ALLIANCE RELATIONS AND OVERALL DISTRIBUTION SERVICES GO-TO-MARKET STRATEGY AND EXECUTION.



KRUTIN SHAH

PARTNER, CSO
N-SQUARED ECOMMERCE
PARTNER, CHIEF STRATEGY OFFICER

KRUTIN IS AN ECOMMERCE, SUPPLY CHAIN PROFESSIONAL WITH 15 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE SOLVING COMPLEX BUSINESS PROBLEMS ACROSS COMMERCE AND SUPPLY CHAIN. AT CAMERAHH, HE IS SOLVING VISUALIZATION AND SIZING CHALLENGES FOR ECOMMERCE BRANDS. OUTSIDE OF CAMERAHH, HE WORKS WITH MANY LEADING ECOMMERCE COMPANIES IN DESIGN AND IMPROVEMENT OF THEIR COMMERCE AND SUPPLY CHAIN CHALLENGES. CAMERAHH.COM



ARJUN SHARMA

SUPPLY CHAIN LEADER
GOOGLE

ARJUN SHARMA, THE GLOBAL LEAD FOR SUPPLY PLANNING AT GOOGLE, IS A DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONAL WITH TWO DECADES OF EXPERIENCE IN TRANSFORMING GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS INTO STRATEGIC ASSETS FOR BUSINESSES. HIS EXPERTISE IN DEVELOPING INNOVATIVE SUPPLY CHAIN STRATEGIES AND OPERATIONAL MODELS HAS CATALYZED EXTENSIVE ENTERPRISE TRANSFORMATIONS. AT GOOGLE, HE HAS REVOLUTIONIZED THE SUPPLY CHAIN FOR NETWORKING EQUIPMENT, ENHANCING ON-TIME CAPACITY DEPLOYMENT MULTI-FOLD THROUGH STRATEGIC DESIGN AND USER EXPERIENCE IMPROVEMENTS. HIS INITIATIVES HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY BOOSTED GOOGLE CLOUD'S CUSTOMER SATISFACTION AND BUDGET MANAGEMENT, ALONGSIDE CONCEPTUALIZING AND EXECUTING ADVANCED REPLENISHMENT MODELS THAT SPURRED NOTABLE REVENUE GROWTH AND REDUCTION IN STOCKOUTS.



JIM SHAW

PRESIDENT, CO-FOUNDER
ZION SOLUTIONS GROUP

JIM SHAW IS THE PRESIDENT AND CO-FOUNDER OF ZION SOLUTIONS GROUP. JIM HAS SPENT 25+ YEARS OF HIS CAREER FOCUSED ON BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS AND PROVIDING SOLUTIONS FOR SUPPLY CHAIN CHALLENGES. JIM'S ABILITY TO COACH, BUILD, GROW, AND MENTOR TEAMS HAS HELPED FUEL ORGANIZATIONAL GROWTH AND HE IS VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT CREATING AND INSPIRING A CULTURE OF ENGAGED EMPLOYEES, AND DYNAMIC PARTNER RELATIONSHIPS WHILE PROVIDING SUPERIOR CUSTOMER EXPERIENCES. HE CURRENTLY LEADS AN ORGANIZATION THAT EXISTS TO LISTEN, INSPIRE, SERVE, AND BUILD UP OTHERS. ALL WHILE CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT THAT LEVERAGES KNOWLEDGE, CREATIVITY, PARTNERSHIPS, AND INDUSTRY TECHNOLOGIES TO PROVIDE INTELLIGENT END-TO-END SOLUTIONS FOR THE SUPPLY CHAIN. ZION IS FOCUSED ON A SINGULAR MESSAGE: DELIVER MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES AND GUIDE INTELLIGENT CHANGE.



STEVE SIMMERMAN

HEAD OF GLOBAL ALLIANCES
LOCUS ROBOTICS
HEAD OF GLOBAL ALLIANCES

STEVE SIMMERMAN IS THE HEAD OF GLOBAL ALLIANCES AT LOCUS ROBOTICS. SIMMERMAN HAS MORE THAN 30 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN INDUSTRY INCLUDING SOFTWARE, CONSULTING, AND MATERIAL HANDLING. HE HAS FOCUSED HIS EFFORTS ON WORKING WITH CLIENTS TO ACHIEVE HIGH PERFORMANCE SUPPLY CHAIN RESULTS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS AND CREATIVE SOLUTIONS. HE IS A MEMBER OF CSCMP, WERC, AND MHI AND IS A REGULAR CONTRIBUTOR TO SEVERAL INDUSTRY PUBLICATIONS AND EVENTS. SIMMERMAN HOLDS HIS UNDERGRADUATE AND MBA DEGREES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME.



BRUCE STUBBS

CUSTOMER SUCCESS MANAGER

HONEYWELL

CUSTOMER SUCCESS MANAGER, CORPORATE STRATEGIC ACCOUNTS

BRUCE STUBBS IS THE CUSTOMER SUCCESS MANAGER, CORPORATE STRATEGIC ACCOUNTS FOR HONEYWELL SAFETY AND PRODUCTIVITY SOLUTIONS. IN HIS CURRENT POSITION, MR. STUBBS SUPPORTS HONEYWELL'S SAFETY AND PRODUCTIVITY SOLUTIONS IN THE COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATION AS A GLOBAL CONTACT RESPONSIBLE FOR DRIVING ADOPTION, ENGAGEMENT AND CUSTOMER ADVOCACY IN OUR LARGEST AND MOST STRATEGIC ACCOUNTS. HE IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THEIR SUCCESS BY HELPING THEM ACHIEVE BUSINESS VALUE AND ROI FROM THEIR INVESTMENT IN HONEYWELL.



SAJAY SURESH

SR. DIRECTOR, APPLIED SCIENCE & AI
MICROSOFT

SAJAY, SENIOR DIRECTOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE AT MICROSOFT, HAS OVER 14 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE LEADING DATA SCIENCE AND PLANNING TEAMS TO DEVELOP AI & ML SOLUTIONS THAT DRIVE BUSINESS IMPACT. HE LEADS A TEAM OF PHD ECONOMISTS, STATISTICIANS, AND DEVELOPERS FOCUSED ON OPTIMIZING CLOUD INFRASTRUCTURE FOR NEXT-GENERATION CLOUD & AI TECHNOLOGIES.



NICK VYAS

EXEC. DIR.

USC MARSHALL SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

A SPECIALIST IN OPERATION MANAGEMENT, ORGANIZATION EXCELLENCE THROUGH APPLICATION OF LEAN SIX SIGMA AND A SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT (SME) IN GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT, NICK VYAS HAS LED CULTURAL AND BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION FOR LARGE FORTUNE 100 M&A. MR. VYAS IMPLEMENTED BREAKTHROUGH PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS FOR OVER 450 PROJECTS GLOBALLY THAT HAVE TRANSFORMED BUSINESSES FOR CLIENTS IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH CARE, SERVICE, MILITARY, GOVERNMENT, RETAIL, AND END-TO-END SUPPLY CHAIN FOCUSING ON PROCUREMENT, SOURCING, IT, DISTRIBUTION, LOGISTICS, AND TRANSPORTATION.



MICHAEL WOHLWEND

SUPPLY CHAIN CONSULTANT

ALPINE SUPPLY CHAIN SOLUTIONS

SUPPLY CHAIN CONSULTANT

MICHAEL IS A TRUSTED ADVISOR WITH A PROVEN TRACK RECORD OF HELPING COMPANIES IMPROVE THEIR OVERALL OPERATIONS. HIS EXPERTISE INCLUDES FACILITY ANALYSIS AND SUPPLY CHAIN SYSTEMS. AN ENERGETIC AND CONSCIENTIOUS LEADER WITH A REPUTATION FOR NURTURING STRONG BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS BUILT ON TRUST AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

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AWARDS



THE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT REVIEW NEXTGEN AWARDS

THE NEXTGEN SUPPLY CHAIN CONFERENCE AWARDS RECOGNIZE THE COMPANIES SHAPING TOMORROW'S SUPPLY CHAINS WITH ADVANCES THAT ARE HELPING ORGANIZATIONS NAVIGATE THE COMPLEXITIES OF THE MODERN SUPPLY CHAIN WHILE ALSO PREPARING THEM FOR SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

WHEN A COMPANY IS SELECTED AS A WINNER, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THEIR COMPANY ACCEPTS THE AWARD LIVE AT THE NEXTGEN SUPPLY CHAIN CONFERENCE.



THE VISIONARY AWARD

THE NEXTGEN VISIONARY AWARD IS GIVEN TO ONE COMPANY EACH YEAR. THE AWARD RECOGNIZES A COMPANY THAT HAS MADE GREAT STRIDES IN ITS SUPPLY CHAIN AND REPRESENTS WHERE THE BEST SUPPLY CHAINS ARE GOING NEXT.

DIAGEO

ACCEPTING THE AWARD FOR
DIAGEO



LISA DRANE

DIR., PROCUREMENT SUPPLY
INNOVATION, LOGISTICS AND
WAREHOUSE

2025 WINNER

DIAGEO, A GLOBAL LEADER IN PREMIUM DRINKS, CONTINUES TO SET THE STANDARD FOR SUPPLY CHAIN INNOVATION BY ADVANCING AUTONOMOUS OPERATIONS THROUGH DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES, AI, AND DATA-DRIVEN INSIGHTS. THE COMPANY PAIRS SUSTAINABILITY WITH INNOVATION—LEVERAGING BIOMIMICRY TO REINVENT GLASS MANUFACTURING, PIONEERING WATER STEWARDSHIP INITIATIVES THAT REPLENISH MORE WATER THAN USED IN STRESSED REGIONS, AND CUTTING OPERATIONAL WATER CONSUMPTION IN HALF. DIAGEO EXEMPLIFIES VISIONARY LEADERSHIP AT THE INTERSECTION OF TECHNOLOGY, SUSTAINABILITY, AND CONSUMER GOODS AND IS THIS YEAR'S VISIONARY AWARD WINNER.

PAST WINNERS OF THE VISIONARY AWARD INCLUDE



2024

WALMART INC. IS NOT ONLY THE WORLD'S LEADING RETAILER BUT ALSO ONE OF THE WORLD'S LEADING COMPANIES WHEN IT COMES TO SUSTAINABILITY. THAT LEADERSHIP EXTENDS THROUGHOUT ITS SUPPLY CHAIN. THE COMPANY NOTES THAT ITS "SYSTEMATIC APPROACH TO PROMOTING SUPPLY CHAIN SUSTAINABILITY BEGINS WITH SETTING ASPIRATIONS RELEVANT TO OUR OVERALL CLIMATE, WASTE, NATURE, AND PEOPLE-RELATED AGENDA, ALIGNING ON PRIORITY OUTCOMES AND ACTIONS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THOSE OUTCOMES" AND IT INCLUDES INITIATIVES COVERING AREAS SUCH AS ZERO WASTE, EMISSIONS REDUCTION, HUMAN RIGHTS, INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES.



2023

KIMBERLY-CLARK CORPORATION, A CPG LEADER WHOSE TRUSTED BRANDS ARE AN INDISPENSABLE PART OF LIFE FOR PEOPLE IN MORE THAN 175 COUNTRIES. KIMBERLY-CLARK IS IN THE MIDST OF A DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION, APPLYING NEXTGEN TECHNOLOGIES TO TAKE ITS SUPPLY CHAIN TO THE NEXT LEVEL. AMONG ITS INNOVATIONS IS A NEW LOGISTICS TOOL KNOWN AS EARLY AM RELEASE AND LEVELING. EARL USES ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TO OPTIMIZE TRUCKLOAD SHIPMENTS FROM KIMBERLY-CLARK FACTORIES TO ITS DISTRIBUTION CENTERS AND AVOID ORDER BUNCHING, THE PHENOMENON THAT HAPPENS WHEN THERE IS AN UNEXPECTED SPIKE IN SHIPMENTS FROM THE PLANTS TO THE DCS.



2022

PROCTER & GAMBLE, WHICH HAS LONG BEEN RECOGNIZED AS A SUPPLY CHAIN MASTER BY GARTNER. THE CPG LEADER CONTINUES TO PUSH THE SUPPLY CHAIN ENVELOPE THROUGH ITS INVESTMENTS IN DIGITALIZATION, TAILORED AND DIFFERENTIATED SUPPLY SOLUTIONS AND THE USE OF AI, ROBOTICS AND ADVANCED ANALYTICS. P&G IS ALSO COMMITTED TO SUSTAINABILITY, WITH PLANS TO ACHIEVE NET ZERO GHG ACROSS ITS OPERATIONS AND SUPPLY CHAIN—FROM RAW MATERIAL TO RETAILER—BY 2040.



AMERICAN EAGLE
OUTFITTERS

2021

AMERICAN EAGLE OUTFITTERS, AEO, FOR ITS SUPPLY CHAIN 2.0 INITIATIVE, WHICH IS UTILIZING NEXTGEN TECHNOLOGIES TO CREATE AN ORDER FULFILLMENT AND LAST MILE DELIVERY PLATFORM FOR SMALL-TO-MID-SIZE RETAILERS.



2020

HONEYWELL, WHICH WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND TO TRANSFORM ITS FACILITIES AND ASSETS TO PRODUCE BADLY NEEDED PPE DURING THE EARLY DAYS OF THE PANDEMIC AND TRANSFORM A CONVENTION CENTER IN MIAMI INTO A TREATMENT FACILITY FOR COVID PATIENTS.



THE END USER AWARDS

THE NEXTGEN END USER AWARDS HONOR UP TO THREE COMPANIES REPRESENTING SUPPLY CHAIN INNOVATION UTILIZING NEXTGEN SUPPLY CHAIN TECHNOLOGIES, OR THE TECHNOLOGIES THAT WILL SHAPE TOMORROW'S SUPPLY CHAINS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES: ROBOTICS, DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION, AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.

2025 WINNERS



Artificial Intelligence



Liz Koziol
Sr. VP, Operations



Digital Transformation



Randy Tarantino
Global Technology Director of Innovation & Technology Strategy



Robotics



Bill Monk
VP, Supply Chain - Distribution & Transportation

2024 WINNERS



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Artificial Intelligence



Jay Koganti
VP Supply Chain COE



Digital Transformation



Michael Labhart
NA Innovation & Smart Factory Director



Robotics



Cole Lohman
Director of Automation

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SOLUTION PROVIDER AWARDS

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THE NEXTGEN SOLUTION PROVIDER AWARDS HONOR UP TO FOUR SOLUTION PROVIDERS THAT HAVE UTILIZED NEXTGEN SUPPLY CHAIN TECHNOLOGIES IN A PROJECT IMPLEMENTED FOR A CUSTOMER IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES: ROBOTICS, DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION, AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.

2025 WINNERS

quickcode

Artificial Intelligence



Shannon Hynds
CEO

EasyMetrics

Digital Transformation



Dean Dorcas
Co-Founder and CEO

**CORVUS
ROBOTICS**

Robotics



Jackie Wu
Co-Founder and CEO

2024 WINNERS

**AGILITY
ROBOTICS**

Robotics



Pras Velagapudi
Chief Technical Officer

Westfalia
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Digital Transformation



Ryan Smith
VP of Automation

**AUTO
SCHEDULER**

Artificial Intelligence



Keith Moore
CEO

WAITES

Predictive Analytics



Rob Ratterman
CEO / Co-Founder



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START UP AWARD

THE START UP AWARD

THE NEXTGEN START UP AWARD IS GIVEN TO ONE COMPANY EACH YEAR. THE AWARD RECOGNIZES THE SUPPLY CHAIN START UP THAT ILLUSTRATES THE BEST OF WHERE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT IS GOING NEXT.

PAST WINNERS OF THE START UP AWARD INCLUDE



2024

FOUNDED IN 2021 BY DEVIN BHUSHAN, SQUINT OFFERS A MOBILE APP LEVERAGING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND AUGMENTED REALITY TO AUTOMATE DATA ENTRY AND GENERATE CUSTOM PROCEDURES. WITH MANUFACTURING FACING AN ACUTE LABOR SHORTAGE, SQUINT ALLOWS USERS TO CAPTURE HISTORICAL KNOWLEDGE, DIGITIZE PROCESSES AND MAKE THIS INFORMATION INTUITIVELY ACCESSIBLE TO ALL OPERATORS. SQUINT'S AR SOLUTION PHYSICALLY NAVIGATES OPERATORS STEP-BY-STEP THROUGH ANY PROCEDURE, WITH INTERACTIVE ELEMENTS LIKE AR-BASED NAVIGATION, PHOTO OR VIDEO TUTORIALS, FORMS, AND DIGITAL STICKY NOTES.



2023

LIMELOOP DELIVERS TRANSPARENT SUPPLY CHAINS THROUGH ITS TRACKABLE REUSABLE PACKAGING. FOUNDED IN 2018 ON A MISSION TO DELIVER A WORLD WITHOUT WASTE, LIMELOOP COMBINES REUSABLE PACKAGING AND SMART TECHNOLOGY SO RETAILERS CAN BE MORE EFFICIENT, ECONOMICAL AND ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY ALL WHILE SAYING GOODBYE TO SINGLE-USE PACKAGING. ITS TRACKABLE REUSABLE PACKAGING DELIVERS A DATA-DRIVEN, CIRCULAR SUPPLY CHAIN ACROSS E-COMMERCE FULFILLMENT AND RETAIL FULFILLMENT, INCLUDING STORE REPLENISHMENT AND WHOLESALE. RETAILERS ARE ALSO ABLE TO TRACK PACKAGES 24/7/365, MINIMIZING LOST REVENUE FROM MISPLACED OR STOLEN PACKAGES.



2022

COVARIANT AI, A BERKELEY-BASED ROBOTICS SOFTWARE COMPANY THAT SPECIALIZES IN CREATING PRODUCTS THAT CAN BE USED TO TEACH ROBOTS NEW SKILLS. IN DOING SO, THE COMPANY IS BRINGING AI OUT OF THE LAB AND INTO ITS CUSTOMERS' REAL-WORLD OPERATIONS.
