



DAVID ABELES

PRESIDENT AND CEO, TAYLORMADE GOLF

David Abeles has led Carlsbad-based TaylorMade Golf since 2015. He previously served from 2008 to 2013 as TaylorMade's EVP and general manager and from 1998 to 2001 as director of sales. Abeles is a golf industry vet who has also been CEO at Competitor Group and VP of sales and marketing for Acushnet. He is a graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Business.



OLIVER BREWER

PRESIDENT AND CEO, CALLAWAY GOLF

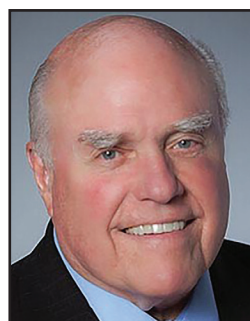
Oliver "Chip" Brewer has led the turnaround of Callaway Golf with multiple recent acquisitions including travel and leisure wear lines and TopGolf, one of the country's fastest-growing sports entertainment companies. Prior to joining Callaway in 2012, Brewer served as CEO of Adams Golf from 2002-12, where he engineered a turnaround that drove the company to profitability. Like Callaway, which at one time was known as a club manufacturer, Brewer was widely credited with transforming Adams from a single-product focus to a diversified brand portfolio.



RICHARD BARTELL

CEO, BARTELL HOTELS

Since joining his family's lodging business in 1980, Richard Bartell has guided the independent operator as it expanded its properties to eight hotels, including the Sheraton La Jolla and The Dana on Mission Bay. The business also includes seven restaurants, three marinas and the famed Humphreys Concerts by the Bay entertainment venue. Bartell is a member of the San Diego Tourism Marketing District and has been a generous donor to the University of San Diego's School of Law, where he serves on the Board of Visitors.



TERRY BROWN

PRESIDENT, ATLAS HOTELS

Terry Brown is the second-generation owner of Atlas Hotels, which opened the Town and Country Inn in 1953 and later expanded the property, located in San Diego's Hotel Circle, into a 40-acre urban resort hotel and conference center. Brown, who is active in the business community and local politics, also has served as vice chair of the San Diego Tourism Marketing District.



SHREYAS BALAKRISHNAN

PRESIDENT, CUTWATER SPIRITS

Shreyas Balakrishnan leads Cutwater Spirits, an award-winning craft spirits distillery that markets a portfolio of spirits including whiskeys, vodka, gin, rums, tequilas and liqueurs, including a canned cocktail lineup. The company was founded by master distiller Yuseff Cherney. Prior to joining Cutwater, Balakrishnan was general manager at Elysium Brewing in Seattle and also worked for Anheuser-Busch InBev.



ADAM DAY

CAO, SYCUAN BAND OF KUMEYAAY NATION

In his current role as chief administrative officer for the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, Adam Day helps oversee the efficient management and operation of more than twelve tribal government departments including police, fire, medical/dental/pharmacy, education, IT and community development. Day is a veteran public administration and public affairs executive who since 2002 has managed the sovereign federally recognized Native American Tribe's business interests, which include a new \$260 million hotel and resort expansion.



SUSIE BAUMANN

PRINCIPAL, BALI HAI/TOM'S LIGHTHOUSE

Susie Baumann began her career in her family's restaurant business when she was 12 and stepped in full time after college when her father, Tom Ham, died unexpectedly. Today, Baumann, her husband and their children are continuing the legacy established by her father in the 1950s. The family has entertained generations of diners at its landmark waterfront restaurants Bali Hai on Shelter Island, famous for its tiki temple, and Tom Ham's Lighthouse on Harbor Island. Baumann has been active in the California Restaurant Association and San Diego Port Tenants Association.



MARTHA GILMER

CEO, SAN DIEGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Martha A. Gilmer has headed the San Diego Symphony Orchestra since 2014, leading the institution in expanding its programming, increasing its community engagement, heightening its artistic profile and building its capacity to share transformative experiences. Working with the board and staff, Gilmer created the strategic plan that has been guiding the Symphony since 2016. Among the major changes she has initiated are the appointment in 2018 of the internationally acclaimed Rafael Payare as SDSO's 13th music director.



DAVID BENNETT

GENERAL DIRECTOR, SAN DIEGO OPERA

Under David Bennett's leadership since 2015, the San Diego Opera has embarked on a series of community-based initiatives including a citywide Listening Tour series, free public performances and family friendly operas. In 2016, the Company debuted its wildly popular d tour Series, which explores the expressive nature of opera with the potency of intimate theater. Prior to San Diego Opera, Bennett was Gotham Chamber Opera's managing director and served in a similar capacity at Dance New Amsterdam in New York City.



ROBERT GLEASON

CEO, EVANS HOTELS

Robert Gleason oversees operation of Bahia and Catamaran Resort Hotels and The Lodge at Torrey Pines. He also currently sits on the boards at Visit California, California Film Commission, San Diego County Lodging Association and World Trade Center San Diego. He is the former board chair of the Los Angeles Branch of Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, San Diego LGBT Community Center and City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture.



KEITH GUILBAULT

CEO, QDOBA RESTAURANTS

Keith Guilbault took the helm at Qdoba Restaurants in May 2018. He leads the QDOBA's North American operations, overseeing more than 700 restaurants across the U.S. and in Canada. Qdoba, the fast-casual restaurant chain that employs more than 125 locally, moved its corporate headquarters to San Diego in 2019. Prior to joining Qdoba, Guilbault was SVP and chief marketing officer at Jack in the Box. He has an MBA from Pepperdine's George L. Graziadio School of Business and Management.



CODY MARTINEZ

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN, SYCUAN BAND OF KUMEYAAY NATION

Cody J. Martinez leads the Sycuan Band of Kumeyaay Nation. As tribal chairman, Martinez is responsible for strengthening the East County tribe's business interests, including its golf resort and casino and the historic US Grant Hotel downtown, which is also owned by the Tribe, which recently completed a \$226 million expansion of its hotel, casino and resort. Martinez helped create a first-in-the-nation Natural Resource Management Plan for nearly 1,500 acres of land acquired by the Sycuan Band. He serves on the board of the San Diego Association of Governments.



JOE HARPER

PRESIDENT AND CEO, DEL MAR THOROUGHBRED CLUB

Joe Harper had bit parts in his grandfather Cecil B. deMille's movies "The Ten Commandments" and "Greatest Show on Earth," but he's had a starring role in growing one of the nation's top racetracks, the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, which he joined in 1978. Since becoming president and CEO of the historic track in 1990, he has boosted attendance and the club's profile. He's a former president of the Thoroughbred Racing Association of North America and the Federation of California Racing Associations and has served for many years on the board of the San Dieguito Boys & Girls Clubs.



MAC MCLAUGHLIN

PRESIDENT AND CEO, MIDWAY MUSEUM

Retired Adm. Mac McLaughlin has overseen the USS Midway Museum since its opening in 2004. During his tenure, McLaughlin has made the decommissioned ship one of the most visited museums in the nation. A decorated naval officer, McLaughlin guides a volunteer army of veterans and civilians who conduct tours, honoring the legacy of those who served and those who participate in the upkeep of the longest-serving Navy aircraft carrier of the 20th century.



DARIN HARRIS

CEO, JACK IN THE BOX

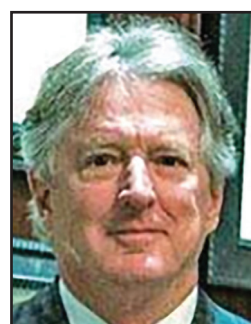
Darin Harris took the helm at Jack in the Box Inc. in June 2020. Harris was previously CEO of various companies, most notably CiCi's Enterprises from August 2013 to January 2018. He has also held multiple franchise leadership roles in the restaurant industry, including at Arby's Restaurant Group and Captain D's Seafood. He was also a franchise operator of multiple Papa John's Pizza and Qdoba Mexican Grill restaurants. He has more than 25 years of leadership experience in the restaurant industry encompassing operations, franchising, brand strategy and restaurant development.



MICHAEL MORTON Jr.

CEO, BRIGANTINE FAMILY OF RESTAURANTS

After taking over the 50-year-old family business as CEO a decade ago, Michael Morton is leading the Brigantine Family of Restaurants company through an era of new growth, including successful expansions of Miguel's and Brigantine locations as far north as Carlsbad and as far south as Eastlake. Morton was recently named Restaurateur of the Year at the annual CRA Gold Medallion awards.



ROBERT HOEHN

PRESIDENT, HOEHN MOTORS

Robert Hoehn and his family have been in the automobile business since 1928, when Robert Hoehn's grandfather opened a Chevrolet dealership in Memphis. His father ran the company until he moved the family to La Jolla and founded Hoehn Motors in 1975. Brothers Bob and Bill joined the operation and built it into a successful enterprise, selling luxury brands such as Porsche, Jaguar and Mercedes-Benz. Hoehn served on USD's board of trustees and as a board member for the Timken Museum of Art, Catholic Charities San Diego, the San Diego Museum of Art and the Balboa Art Conservation Center.



SHANNA NELSON

PRESIDENT, JAZZERCISE

As the leader of Jazzercise, Inc., Shanna Nelson oversees the corporate management team and strategic direction of the brand in global and local markets. Her contributions to the fitness industry have been acknowledged through numerous awards, public and media recognition. Nelson's mom, Judi Sheppard Missett, created the largest dance fitness company in the world and Nelson began as an instructor but quickly launched her business career as an international brand consultant and franchise owner herself. In addition to her role at the company, she is a media spokesperson and motivational speaker.



EARL KIGHT

CO-FOUNDER, CUTWATER SPIRITS

Earl Kight is a founder and head of sales at Cutwater Spirits, which launched in 2016 as a craft distillery offering a unique lineup of spirits and canned cocktails. Prior to opening Cutwater, Kight was chief commercial officer and VP of sales and marketing at Ballast Point Brewing and Spirits in San Diego. He started his career with RJ Reynolds and also worked as a sales manager for Miller Brewing.



MARK NEVILLE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SAN DIEGO BOWL GAME ASSOCIATION

Mark Neville has worked in the sports industry his entire career. He began as an intern at San Diego's annual Holiday Bowl football game and became the popular bowl game's executive director in 2015. He had served as the Holiday Bowl's associate executive director since 1991. He has a bachelor's in economics from UCSD.



PHILIP PACE

CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO, PHIL'S BBQ

Since opening its doors in San Diego in 1998, Phil's BBQ has served over one million gallons of Phil's signature BBQ sauce, expanding from four employees to well over 400 – and opening restaurants in San Marcos, Santee, Rancho Bernardo and most recently in Temecula. But the Phil's experience and menu remains essential the same: long lines of anticipation, an energetic, friendly atmosphere, huge portions of fantastic food -- and lots and lots of paper towels.



MARC SWANSON

CEO, SEAWORLD PARKS & ENTERTAINMENT

After serving as interim leader since 2019, Marc Swanson was named the SeaWorld Entertainment's permanent CEO in May 2021. Swanson has been with the company for more than two decades and has held a number of key senior leadership positions including as CFO and treasurer. With Swanson at the helm, SeaWorld has announced plans to open Sesame Place theme park in Chula Vista in 2022.



SEAN POURTEYMOUR

CO-FOUNDER AND CEO, LUNA GRILL

Sean Pourteymour directs operations at Luna Grill, an award-winning Mediterranean restaurant chain with over 50 locations. Pourteymour, who's self-described job title is "Chief Lunatic," co-founded the Luna Grill chain in 2004, leveraging his commercial real estate development background with a lifelong fascination with food. An avid philanthropist, he supports several local charities and foundations, especially those that benefit youth in the community.



BEN THIELE

GM, ALILA MAREA BEACH RESORT ENCINITAS

Ben Thiele is the general manager of the newly opened Alila Marea Beach Resort Encinitas. An inspiring leader and ambassador for the hotel and brand, Thiele joined the Hyatt family following a decade with Kimpton Hotels. He received the Rookie of the Year Award at the 2017 Kimpton Hotels and Restaurants Annual General Manager Conference and two years later was given the Total Asset Management Award.



MARIA TRAKAS POURTEYMOUR

CO-FOUNDER, CHIEF CUISINE OFFICER, LUNA GRILL

As creator of the original Luna Grill restaurant in 2004, Maria Trakas Pourteymour oversees the implementation of the restaurant chain's mission: To inspire others to feel good by eating real food, crafted with care. Her responsibilities include culinary research and recipe development, and the establishment of ingredient quality standards and cooking processes. She is a self-trained chef and entrepreneur who began her career working in her own family's restaurant for a decade.



ROXANA VELASQUEZ

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF ART

Roxana Velásquez is the Maruja Baldwin Executive Director and CEO at The San Diego Museum of Art, a position she had held since 2010. As a passionate advocate for the arts, Velásquez has focused on fostering cross-cultural dialogues within the San Diego community as well as nationally and internationally. Throughout her career, she has organized many high-profile exhibitions, including at the Museo Nacional de San Carlos, Museo Nacional de Arte and the Museo del Palacio de Bellas Artes in Mexico City.



ROSS RIZZO

MASTER VINTNER, BERNARDO WINERY

Ross Rizzo, the president and master vintner at Bernardo Winery, runs the third-generation family business that traces its roots in San Diego to 1937. Bernardo Winery produces wines from locally sourced grapes. Visitors to the winery can stroll through the family's historic antique winemaking facility that features large-scale redwood barrels built over 130 years ago.



BRAD WISE

OWNER/CHEF, TRUST RESTAURANT GROUP

Coming of age along the shores of New Jersey's Cape May, Chef Brad Wise never had culinary aspirations. But a job mopping floors at Jake's Pizza provided his entry into the restaurant world and today, Wise is one of the San Diego region's leading chefs and restaurateurs, with five distinct concepts that highlight the bold, smoky, wood-fired flavors Chef is known for.