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Welcome to our ninth annual Los Angeles Business Journal CFO Awards special supplement, in which we celebrate the efforts and achievements of those too often unsung heroes of the corporate space.

This issue pays tribute to, and shines a much-deserved spotlight on, the finalists and honorees we celebrated at our 2015 CFO of the Year Awards luncheon on Friday, September 18th at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel downtown.

Every successful company in Los Angeles owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to the Chief Financial Officers of their respective businesses, each of whom plays a key role, not only in the success of their companies, but in the success of the Los Angeles financial community as a whole. So to all the great CFOs profiled in this volume we say thank you!

The list of prestige nominees — each an example of excellence in the field of financial business stewardship — made it particularly challenging this year to single out the honorees. Five honorees are announced in this section in five categories — “Public Company CFO,” “Private Company CFO (revenue more than $100 million),” “Private Company CFO (revenue less than $100 million),” “Real Estate CFO,” and “Non-Profit CFO.” We applaud each of the finalists and honorees — all of whom are described in these pages.

We hope you enjoy this special section, which contains some insights on what exactly it means to be a corporate financial steward in today’s business climate, as well as profiles of each of our esteemed CFO Award nominees and honorees.

And again, congratulations to all the great CFOs in Los Angeles who tirelessly contribute to the bottom line of your businesses, and ultimately, our business community as a whole.

Best regards,

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CORDELL B. SWEENEY
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT & CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
PABST BREWING COMPANY

CordeLL B. Sweeney currently serves as the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Pabst Brewing Company, a Great American Brewing Company (GABC) and TSG Consumer Partners (TSG) portfolio company, located in Los Angeles. Pabst Brewing Company was purchased by C. Dean Metropoulos & Co. in June of 2010 and subsequently sold to GABC and TSG in November of 2014 yielding a 52% return on investment. Sweeney played an instrumental role in selling the business to its new owners.

Today, Pabst Brewing Company is the fifth largest domestic beer company in the United States. Sweeney has responsibilities for strategic, operational, and financial leadership including the Financial Planning and Analysis, Accounting, Treasury, Tax, Revenue Management, Operations, Procurement, Human Resources, and Information Technology functions. In addition, Cordell also serves on the Company’s Pension and 401(k) Plan Investment Committee.

In addition to selling the company, other selected accomplishments where Sweeney played a key leadership role in recently include retaining the entire leadership team through a period on high uncertainty and ensuring the new owners hit the ground running.

He also played a key role in the re-launch of Ballantine India Pale Ale, America’s original IPA first brewed in the 1878, in the northeast segment of the country in September 2014. This marked the Company’s first entry into the Craft category, which is growing at 15% per year.

Sweeney also oversaw the launch of a new ERP system effective January 1, 2015 (on time and on budget, and no major issues) and the launch of a new business planning system that has fundamentally changed the way management approaches the business and is enabling the move away from the annual budgeting cycle and replacing it with a rolling 18 month forecasting process.
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Finalist
Los Angeles Business Journal
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Martin E. Louie, also known by his colleagues as Marty, serves as Marcus & Millichap's CFO in the firm's headquarters in Calabasas. Louie joined Marcus & Millichap as controller in 2003. He was promoted to the position of vice president of finance in 2007, and in 2008, he was elected to first vice president of finance. He was elected CFO in 2010. In addition, he was named senior vice president and managing director in 2011.

Louie is regarded for skillful management of Marcus & Millichap's financial operations, which have been of immense benefit to the company. He is noteworthy for formulating, communicating and executing the firm's financial objectives, a testament to his abilities as an insightful strategic planner and dedicated leader.

Louie oversees the firm's budgeting, forecasting, financial modeling and analysis, and creates operations reports and key operating metrics. He provides strategic vision for the company's financial direction. In 2010, during the outset of Louie's tenure as CFO, the company launched Institutional Property Advisors (IPA), a division dedicated to institutional and major private clients. Between 2010 and 2013, IPA grew nearly 400% in sales volume. He was instrumental in leading the company through its successful IPO in October 2013. With a solid corporate background, he was prepared for the challenge. Based on his prior experience, he knew who to hire and how they would handle the work. It was a full year and a half of working nonstop until the very last day.

Since then the firm has been a solid performer on the NYSE, more than quadrupling in share price.

Under Louie’s finance leadership as CFO, Marcus & Millichap has grown from $274.7 million in 2011 to $572.2 million in 2014. Over the past five years, cash flow has increased 412.09%. In 2014, sales volume has grown to an all-time high.

Elsa Luna brings over 15 years of experience in direct financial management and organizational development for non-profit organizations to her current work at Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP), an organization designed to improve the access to and quality of early education for the children of Los Angeles County. She has substantive executive experience, specializing in evolving priorities of an organization with an ability to identify new enterprise opportunities. She is a forward and energetic thinker who plays a critical role in developing and implementing an organization’s mission, goals and strategic plans in a team environment.

Understanding the double bottom line return is a particular specialty that Luna successfully brings to the table. She understands the complexity of ensuring non-profit survivability and mission driven success with a strategic mindset and systemic business goals. She understands that a bottom line is more than financial profitability but social profitability with a business sense.

When Luna was hired at LAUP in the spring of 2013, the organization was at a pivotal point in the future sustainability of the organization. Along with the leadership of the Board and Senior Staff, Luna initiated and led a strategic and business planning period for the organization. This turned out to be a twelve-month planning session where intense work and hard focusing on how the framing of the organization was required to develop the schematic for the future of LAUP. Luna brought forward her experience in strategic planning and bottom line financials and further developed an in depth Market Research Report on conducting a fee for service branch of the organization in Quality Ratings and Improvements systems to assist in the future sustainability of the organization.

Under Luna’s leadership as the CFTO, LAUP now has a framework to work from on making sure future sustainability and mission driven outcomes are balanced in the face of funding challenges.
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STEWART ARMSTRONG
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
OBLONG INDUSTRIES, INC.

Stewart Armstrong is a highly accomplished, results-driven executive with more than 15 years of international experience in finance and operations management with start-ups and global multi-billion dollar organizations. In 2012, he left public accounting to pursue his desire to become a lead financial executive for a startup organization, Oblong, where he has been afforded the opportunity to shape and grow the company. As a first-time CFO, his most valuable contributions for Oblong have been in turnaround planning that shifted a research and development company that struggled greatly with financial discipline towards an efficiently run, viable commercial enterprise that has doubled company bookings year-over-year since 2012.

Last year, among a number of accomplishments, Armstrong played an active leadership role in developing Oblong’s sales organization; its supply chain management and logistics department; and key engineering, operational and accounting hires that were necessary to support continued commercial expansion and cost-effective execution.

WILLIAM D. BARTON
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
IPS CORPORATION

When Will Barton joined IPS Corporation in May 2012 as Chief Financial Officer, he was immediately faced with a series of challenges. The company was severely impacted by the housing crisis and recession, and when Barton took over as CFO, refinancing of the company debt was underway, as well as a potential sale of one of the fastest growing divisions. Barton was able to partner with senior management and redefine the growth arguments and strategies. Together, they managed to successfully complete the refinancing package with a new group of major lenders.

Upon completion of these crucial activities, Barton immediately set out to upgrade the overall financial management of IPS Corporation by establishing company policies and procedures, which were not originally in place. He was also involved in creating a completely new internal management financial reporting package and implementing processes for reviews, analysis, and forecasting. The company continues to benefit from the financial processes and cultural improvements that Barton has implemented.

SONA CHANDWANI
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
CHILDREN’S BUREAU

Sona Chandwani is responsible for oversight of the Children’s Bureau’s financial matters. She is a proven financial executive in the execution of all financial and IT activities required to support growing and established businesses. She regularly demonstrates abilities in budgeting and forecasting, financial analysis, planning, effective financial controls, regulatory compliance, risk management, and ensuring that systems are maximized to support all activities.

Chandwani is responsible for budgeting, forecasting and project management finance and communications financial results to board of Directors. At Children’s Bureau, she has implemented key accounting and financial policies and procedures that are in line with the organization’s strategy, such as leading the strategic direction of the agency’s Information Technology Department. She leads ongoing development and business strategies for a Family Assessment Form (myfaf.org) and is in the process of developing a multi-year real estate plan to reduce the agency’s lease expenses by 15%. She is also an adjunct professor at USCA’s Sol Price School of Public Policy where she teaches Financial Management of Nonprofit Organizations.

HENRY V. CHASE
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
DOUBLELINE CAPITAL, LP

Henry Chase began to work with DoubleLine Capital in December of 2009 as a consultant and quickly rose to the position of Interim Controller. In April 2010 he transitioned from a consultancy position as Interim Controller to becoming a DoubleLine employee, and the Controller of the Firm. His excellence in developing a team that facilitated DoubleLine’s financial modeling which impacted the timeliness and accuracy of reporting was of critical importance, as the firm’s investment products broadened from private clients, to public exchange-traded funds and listed mutual funds, and limited partnerships.

Chase has repeatedly shown the ability to successfully manage, create and oversee not only the Investment Advisor side of the accounting and financial departments but DoubleLine’s mutual funds and private funds departments as well. He has been instrumental in the financial planning and success of DoubleLine, which has grown from a start up business to a top industry competitor.

JOSEPH S. CHOI
VICE PRESIDENT & CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
PANCOM INTERNATIONAL INC.

Joseph Choi is Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for PanCom International, Inc., where he is chief financial steward of an advertising team with a notably long history and strong relationships with multinational corporations like AT&T, Axa, Lg, Ford, Nielsen, UPS, The Salvation Army, Volvo, and more.

WILLIAM CLINE
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
GREEN HASSON JANKS

William Cline is Chief Financial Officer for Green Hasson Janks, one of the oldest independent accounting firms on the west side of Los Angeles. Ranked as a top 20 largest accounting firm on the Los Angeles Business Journal’s Book of Lists, the firm has 13 partners and approximately 120 staff members that serve over 3,000 clients. Also named a 2015 “Best Places to Work” by the Los Angeles Business Journal, the firm’s seventh winning year since 2008, Green Hasson Janks provides an environment where talented and career-minded individuals can grow personally and professionally.

With the firm now for almost four years, Cline’s financial stewardship has played a key role in the firm’s accolades.

SHERYL CORDERO
VICE PRESIDENT & CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
NATIONWIDE SECURITY & BUILDING SERVICES

As Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Nationwide Security & Building Services, Sheryl Cordero serves as the financial steward for one of the largest full-service trusted service providers in the industry, with a 50 year record of accomplishment and reputation for quality work, rapid response, rock-solid accountability and detailed reporting.

Cordero is a financial executive with broad experience in all aspects of accounting, auditing and financial management. Cordero manages all financial matters for NSS, including accounting, internal audits and controls, sales taxes, taxes, banking, risk management, and inter-company transactions. She has held the position since 2003 and has more than 20 years’ experience in the accounting field.

LAURIE DON
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT & CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
JIM HENSON CO.

Laurie Don joined The Jim Henson Company as Vice President of Financial Operations in 2004. Based in Los Angeles, Don is responsible for the worldwide financial activities of the Company, including Jim Henson’s Creature Shop and the Henson Recording Studios in addition to production, distribution and licensing. Additionally, she advises senior management on key financial and operational issues.

Prior to joining the Company, Don was Controller at Lucas Digital, LTD (Industrial Light & Magic and Skywalker Sound), heading up Production Finance, Financial Planning, General Accounting, Payroll, and Business Systems. Her previous experience also includes Controller at Tele-TV and Director, Financial Controls at Warner Bros. Studio Facilities. Don received her accounting degree from Baruch College in New York, while working for GTN Productions, Inc., making documentary films focusing on ethnographic American traditions. She then went on to earn her CPA working with Deloitte and Touche in New York.

KEVIN ELMs
VICE PRESIDENT & CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
DOLE PACKAGED FOODS

Kevin Elms has experience in Real Estate, Manufacturing, Financial Services, Technology in Public and Non-Public Companies. He is the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Dole Packaged Foods - North America.

Dole, which was founded in Hawaii in 1851, is the world’s largest producer and marketer of high-quality fresh fruit and vegetables, and is the leading producer of organic bananas. With Elms at the financial helm, Dole markets a growing

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KEVIN FARR
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
MATTEL

Kevin Farr is chief financial officer for Mattel, Inc., responsible for the company’s worldwide financial functions, as well as information technology, strategic planning, mergers and acquisitions, investor relations, and customs administration. Previously senior vice president and corporate controller, Farr joined Mattel in 1991 as director-Taxes. He held increasingly responsible positions within the company, and was named chief financial officer in 2000. Prior to joining Mattel, Farr spent 10 years with the professional services firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers. A graduate of Northwestern University’s J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Business, Farr earned an M.B.A. in finance and marketing. He also holds a business degree in accounting from Michigan State University. Farr is a Certified Public Accountant and belongs to a number of professional organizations including the American Institute of C.P.A. and the California Society of C.P.A. He serves on the Marshall School Corporate Advisory Board of the University of Southern California.

MATT HARDY
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
TELESIGN

Matt Hardy is a senior finance executive with more than 15 years of progressive experience in finance and accounting for public and private tech companies and cloud-based platforms. As chief financial officer at Telero, Hardy uses his strong technical and operational expertise to partner with the CEO and other senior executives to allocate resources and drive growth, profitability and maximize shareholder value.

During his tenure at Telero, he has led the company through two rounds of funding and several acquisitions. With a Series A round of funding and acquisition of Route telecommunication in 2012, Hardy laid the groundwork for the growth Telero has experienced in recent years including a $49 million Series B round of funding. Hardy has been integral in maturing the Telero business, putting many internal systems in place, identifying the gaps that needed to be filled in order to go from private to public. He has also helped Telero become a unified global company with the systems he has put in place.

STEPHEN M. KADENACY
PRESIDENT & CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
AECOM

Stephen M. Kadenacy is President and Chief Financial Officer of AECOM, a $20B, fully integrated infrastructure and support services firm headquartered in Los Angeles. The firm has the ability to design, build, finance and operate massive infrastructure projects globally. In his current role (held since 2014), Kadenacy is responsible for project delivery and management across AECOM’s global operations, focusing on a global project delivery culture that drives strong project performance and supports and environment of world-class project delivery and project managers committed to excellence. Prior to holding the dual title of President and CFO, he was AECOM CFO from 2011 to 2014. Prior to that, he held the title SVP Finance from 2008 to 2011. He also oversees the company’s global financial operations including financial planning and analysis, financial reporting, insurance, internal audit, investor relations, tax, and treasury-as well as IT and real estate activities for the firm. He is a member of the firm’s Executive Leadership Team at the enterprise level.

TATYANA KLOCHKO
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER & VICE PRESIDENT
T.H.E. HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTERS

Tatyana Klochko, EA, MBA, is the chief financial officer for T.H.E. Health and Wellness Centers. She joined T.H.E. Health and Wellness Centers with 20 years of experience in nonprofit financial management and economic forecasting.

Klochko is a seasoned financial executive and she helped T.H.E. become more financially viable when it had only 1 healthcare center. She has helped T.H.E. expand to 6 health care centers with 2 more healthcare centers opening in late 2015. As former CFO of Therapeutic Center for the Blind, and Eisen Pediatric & Family Medical Center, Klochko has implemented successful strategic organizational budgets, and has been responsible for administering more than $20 million annually. In short, she has been a CFO to nonprofits for over 20 years and has done a wonderful job incorporating that knowledge and experience into her role as the financial expert for T.H.E. and helping the organization grow and expand while it serves the poor and underprivileged.

JUDSON LEIBEE
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
SHANGRI-LA CONSTRUCTION, LP

Judson Leibee’s achievements are best appreciated in context of Shangri-La Construction’s brief history. The company was formed during the recession by executives with lofty goals, which entailed becoming one of the largest commercial contractors in Southern California, while being best in class in terms of safety, quality, employee workplace, and service to clients. Financially, in its sixth year, the company is well on its way to achieving all of its goals, achieving over $100 million awarded contracts in 2015 (backlog), and growing from less than $40 million in revenue in just 5 years.

Leibee was instrumental in all of Shangri-La’s achievements, guiding the company in its legal, accounting, and treasury functions, as well as understanding and implementing the unique goals of ownership. Some notable achievements include implementing an enterprise level software and training the staff on the same, developing and maintaining key relationships with banks, surety and clients; drafting and reviewing all contracts, as well as reviewing all legal matters; among other achievements.

E. GILBERT LEON JR.
VICE PRESIDENT & CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
EARLIE M. JORGENSEN COMPANY

E. Gilbert Leon, Jr. has been Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Reliance Metals Canada Limited and its subsidiary Earlie M. Jorgensen Company, Inc. since October 1, 2008. Leon served as Corporate Officer of Earlie M. Jorgensen Company since August 2004 and was responsible for the accounting operations, financial reporting, and internal controls. He held various financial and accounting management positions with several distribution-related companies. His colleagues report that Leon is very detail-oriented and has an excellent ability to see the broader picture of the mission of his company. His combination of leadership skills and financial acumen/experience serve his team particularly well.

JOHN MALNAR
VICE PRESIDENT / CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
TAPSTONE

Upon joining Tapstone in August of 2014, John Malnar immediately sought to leverage his experiences as a corporate finance advisor, private equity investor and past CFO to drive a culture committed to analytics and return on investment (“ROI”), ensuring increasing profitability without sacrificing or diluting growth. He helped develop tools and processes that provide clarity around every investment the payments technology company makes and the impact it has on financial performance, customer satisfaction and employee engagement.

In his first twelve months on the job, Malnar undertook a host of projects and activities that equated to one critical goal: support the company’s growth objectives while driving ROI. In March of this year, Malnar helped to secure a $60 million capital package at highly attractive rates and terms, which provides the company significant strategic flexibility. This financing package provides the company optimal capital in terms of making investments in people/technology, entering new markets and pursuing strategic partnerships and potential acquisitions.

ROBERT MALONEY
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
DEUTSCH LA

Bob Maloney serves as Deutsch LA’s Chief Financial Officer, bringing more than 20 years of finance and operations experience to the marketing communications industry. At Deutsch LA, Maloney leads the agency’s financial and operational infrastructure, working hand in hand with CEO Mike Sheldon and the executive leadership team. In the last year alone, Maloney has played an integral role in bringing the revenue of 12 new clients to the agency. While many CFOs focus on the financial performance of their companies from a starting position of “no,” Maloney counters that, and approaches every situation by trying to figure out how to say “yes.” With more than two decades of experience in the advertising industry and having run his own consultancy business, he has a firm grasp on the needs of a creative business and the rigor it takes to manage an operation with excellence. Not only is he a

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strong leader, Maloney displays patience, compassion and empathy for the needs of the company and the people in it.

DEAN MATHEW
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
PATCH OF LAND

Dean Mathew leads all financial activities in the company as Patch of Land’s (POL’s) CFO. The role ranges from managing and monitoring cash balance, debt balance, cash flows, payroll, working capital and capital expenditures review- ing, among many other finance-orient ed duties. To manage this role and all the duties, he spear- headed the imple- mentation of several technology solu- tions such as Zenpayroll, Xero, FCI and several financial and cash processes for wires and merchant services. Matthew and his team are the primary department responsible for POL’s significant loan increase, which is three times that of last year’s.

Matthew continues to search for partnerships, joint ventures, and merger and acquisition opportunities in the peer-to-peer space. His finance group is also analyzing several new revenue product lines from low cost fix and hold product, blanket small-scale loans, etc. Beyond his financial duties, Matthew introduced POL as part of a US economic delegation called “Startup Daka” that went to Bangladesh to talk about future tech- nology platforms.

THOMAS B. MILLER
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
SECOND SIGHT MEDICAL PRODUCTS, INC.

Thomas Miller, who has been Second Sight Medical Products’ Chief Financial Officer since May of last year, is a global CFO and active CPA with over 20 years of executive experience in the telecommunication test and moni- toring, network storage and biotech sectors.

Miller has repeatedly demonstrat- ed that he embraces and is comfort- able in high growth, fluid environ- ments, and brings strong relationships with investment and commer- cial banking partners to the table. He is a recognized finance leader through numerous acquisitions and operational integrations. He has also demonstrated leadership, partnering with Boards and senior management teams on tactical and strategic ini- tiatives focused on performance optimization, business expansion, and margin enhancement.

Recognized for the ability to deci- pher and present highly complex financial data in a palatable and comprehensible fashion, he is also a strong leader with a distinct com- munication style throughout all lev- els of the organization, focused on the alignment of company goals and objectives.

MARGARET W. MINNICH
CHIEF OPERATING & FINANCIAL OFFICER
THE CALIFORNIA WELLNESS FOUNDATION

Margaret (Peggy) Minnich is Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer of The California Wellness Foundation. Minnich has been an active member of the Foundation Financial Officers Group for over 20 years. Foundation Financial Officers Group (FFOG) is a non-profit membership organization comprised of more than 400 Chief Executive, Financial, Investment and Administrative Officers from approximately 200 of the largest pri- vate foundations in the United States and Europe.

Minnich has been an important member of the Cal Wellness man- agement team since she joined the Foundation in 1992, shortly after its incorporation. As Vice President of Finance and Administration and as CFO, her presence has been vital. Her role has expanded considerably over the past year as she took the lead on a number of management
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Chief Financial Officer
Diemlan “Lannie” Tonnu,

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projects. Effective July 6, 2015, she was appointed Chief Operating Officer, and now oversees both Cal Wellness Information Technology and Grants Management Department.

**DANIEL MURRAY**  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
DOLLAR SHAVE CLUB

Dollar Shave Club’s CFO Daniel Murray has more than two decades of experience leading companies through periods of financial growth, from start-up companies and new business units within mid-cap public companies to Fortune 500 firms. Murray has served in a variety of roles in the finance realm, including CFO of Machinima, the leading global video entertainment network; CFO of Fandango, the nation’s largest online, phone and mobile movie ticketing and entertainment destination; SVP, Finance and Strategy for both NBCUniversal and Comcast Interactive Media; and VP of International Finance for Yahoo!, where he was responsible for both Finance and Controllership functions for the company’s international business units.

Murray’s expertise in leading Internet companies was honed at Overture, the Pasadena-based pioneer of pay-for-performance search services, which was acquired by Yahoo! in 2003 for $1.63 billion. At Overture, Murray led the company’s international finance operations, set strategy and helped grow the unit from the start-up stage to market leadership in more than a dozen countries.

**KEN MYSZKOWSKI, MBA, CPA**  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
ARROWHEAD RESEARCH CORPORATION

Ken Myszkowski is Arrowhead’s Chief Financial Officer. Myszkowski brings to Arrowhead a broad range of finance and accounting experience spanning two decades in both the public and private sectors, including senior level positions at two publicly traded energy companies and, earlier in his career, in two early stage technology companies. Prior to joining Arrowhead, Myszkowski served as the corporate controller for Broadwind Energy, a $250 million public energy company that provides products and services to the wind energy industry. Earlier in his career, Myszkowski was controller for Epcor USA, the U.S. headquarters for Epcor Utilities, Inc., a $4 billion public energy company.

Myszkowski began his career in the audit practice of Arthur Andersen & Co. in Chicago after he received his undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois, and his MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. He is a certified public accountant.

**THOMAS E. O’HERN**  
SENIOR EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER & TREASURER  
MACERICH CO.

Tom O’Hern is Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Macerich, an S&P 500 company that is a fully integrated self-managed and self-administered real estate investment trust, which focuses on the acquisition, leasing, management, development and redevelopment of regional malls throughout the United States. At Macerich, O’Hern’s overall responsibilities include accounting, financial and tax reporting, investor relations, raising capital through debt and equity markets and information technology systems.

Prior to joining Macerich, O’Hern was the Chief Financial Officer at various real estate development companies. O’Hern was a certified public accountant with Arthur Andersen & Co. from 1978 through 1984. He is a member of the board of directors, the audit committee chairman, a member of the nominating and corporate governance committee and was formerly a member of the compensation committee of Douglas Emmett, Inc., a public real estate investment trust, and is a board member of several other non-profit philanthropic and academic organizations.
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TYLER H. ROSE - EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT & CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
Kilroy Realty Corp.

Tyler H. Rose was appointed Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of KRC in December 2009 after serving as Senior Vice President and Treasurer since 1997. Prior to his tenure at the company, Rose was Senior Vice President, Corporate Finance of Irvine Apartment Communities, Inc. from 1995 to 1997, and was appointed Treasurer in 1996. Prior to that, Rose was Vice President, Corporate Finance of The Irvine Company from 1994 to 1995. Under Rose’s financial stewardship, KRC is opportunistic and disciplined in its approach to growth. The company seeks to capitalize on inflection points in a real estate cycle to add quality assets to our portfolio at substantial discounts to long-term value, through either acquisition or development. Since early 2010, KRC has significantly increased its asset base via acquisition, purchasing a variety of properties that meet strict standards for quality, location, amenities and long-term appreciation potential, at what Rose and KRC consider to be at or near cyclically low prices.

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Mindy Rosiejka is Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Creative Age Publications, Inc., which publishes magazines for beauty and hair professionals, and salon clients. The company provides technical and business education, up-to-date news, and industry buzz. Its magazines cater to various segments of the professional beauty market, including full service salons, nail salons, day spas, tanning salons, medical spas, resort and destination spas, open-line beauty stores, and distributors and manufacturers’ representatives.

Under Rosiejka’s financial stewardship, the company also offers apparel, novelties, books, DVDs, technical guides, posters, hair products, make-up products, nail products, spa products, and back-issues online.

KYLE ROSS - EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT & CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
Real Industry Inc.

Kyle Ross has served as the Executive Vice President and Assistant Secretary of Real Industry since June of 2010 and as the Chief Financial Officer of Signature since March 2011. Ross was part of the management team that sponsored the company’s predecessor entity, Fremont General Corporation’s (Fremont) reorganization process in bankruptcy. Prior to participating in the Fremont bankruptcy, Ross was a cofounder of Signature Capital Partners, LLC, a special situations investment firm formed in 2004. Ross was directly involved in all of Signature Capital’s investment activities, including structuring, underwriting, overseeing portfolio companies, and managing the exit of investments. Under Ross’ financial stewardship, Signature has significant capital resources, and federal net operating loss tax carry forwards of nearly $900 million. Ross previously spent over four years with the investment banking firm of Murphy Noell Capital where he was directly involved in more than 20 transactions, including both healthy and distressed mergers and acquisitions, capital raises, and debt restructurings.

DEAN A. SHIGENAGA - CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
Alexandria Real Estate Equities Inc.

Dean A. Shigenaga has served as Executive Vice President of Alexandria Real Estate Equities Inc. since May of 2012, as Treasurer since March of 2008, and as Chief Financial Officer since December of 2004. Prior to joining the company,
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Shigenaga was an Assurance and Advisory Business Services Manager in Ernst & Young LLP’s real estate practice. Now, with Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc., Shigenega provides financial leadership to the largest and leading office REIT uniquely focused on collaborative science and technology campuses in urban innovation clusters with a total market capitalization of $10.7 billion (as of June 30, 2015), and an asset base of 31.1 million square feet, including 18.8 million RSF of operating and current value-creation projects, as well as an additional 12.3 million square feet of near-term and future ground-up development projects.

**JOE SKLENCAR**
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER & MEMBER OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM
CAPTEK SOFTGEL INTERNATIONAL

Joe Sklenecar has 25 years of experience in finance and accounting in small to mid-size manufacturing businesses ranging from engineering thermoplastics to carpeting to bakeries and commercial refrigeration. He is also an experienced private equity CFO where he has utilized his expertise in financial modeling and forecasting, cash management, debt reduction and recapitalization. Sklenecar’s knowledge of all aspects of the accounting process, from cost accounting to payroll as well as his significant experience in manufacturing systems, has allowed him to travel around the world. He has opened commercial offices in Singapore and has helped start up manufacturing plants in Malaysia and Mexico. He is a firm believer that accounting and finance departments should assist and advise all aspects of the business – and has been known to say that “accountants are in businesses not to just tell everyone what they can’t do, but to help them understand what they can do.”

**THEODORE R. STALICK**
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
MERCURY INSURANCE GROUP

Theodore Stalick has been Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Mercury Insurance Group, an American automobile and property insurance company headquartered in Los Angeles, since 2001.

Stalick, a former Walt Disney Company Senior Auditor, joined Mercury in 1997 as Corporate Controller and three years later was elevated to Chief Accounting Officer. Prior to Mercury, Stalick had spent two years as CFO of Cumberland Surety and four years as VP and Treasurer of American Bonding Company, a position he assumed after he left Disney in 1991. Stalick began his career with Coopers & Lybrand (now PricewaterhouseCoopers) in 1986, right after he graduated from Oregon State University.

**PAUL STAPLETON**
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
KAYNE ANDERSON CAPITAL ADVISORS, L.P.

Paul Stapleton is currently the Chief Financial Officer for Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors. As a highly respected mentor and leader, Stapleton’s contribution to Kayne Anderson has been exemplary. He has been with Kayne Anderson since the company’s very early stages and has supported its growth to one of the leading alternative investment firms currently with assets under management of just over $28 billion as of March 31, 2015.

Stapleton has played a pivotal leadership role not only in his role as CFO but also building a first-rate accounting and finance team, a legacy, with diversity and inclusion in mind. From the early stages of the firm, he has guided and led automation efforts for back office systems as well as client facing applications to allow for consistent flow of informa-
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Todd Tappin
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The entire Rubicon Project family is proud to recognize Todd for this well-deserved accomplishment. As COO and CFO of Rubicon Project, Todd has played an integral role in setting and executing the company’s strategic direction and was the chief architect behind the company’s incredibly successful 2014 IPO. Congrats Todd!
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tion and a transparency of data flow. This automation steered Kayne Anderson away from the days of postal mail and now allows clients to easily obtain insight to their investment performance online.

MANEL SWEETMORE
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
ACCESS INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE

Manel Sweetmore is focused on enterprise value creation with a track record of leading organizations through the transition from entrepreneurial to professionalized, while simultaneously fueling rapid growth. With a diverse background encompassing engineering, investment banking, management consulting and operations, he has proven the ability to build and lead talented teams, secure complex debt and equity financing under high-pressure circumstances, professionalize accounting and finance practices and develop and execute near- and long-term growth strategies. Sweetmore also has deep experience overseeing information system departments and strategies. He has over 15 years of experience as an operator and management consultant with a recurring theme of leading professionalization and growth within multiple sectors and stages (i.e., early stage, middle-market) including technology, healthcare and manufacturing. He consistently leverages his deep network, ability to attract first-rate talent, highly developed leadership skills, strategic mindset, atypical analytical capabilities and operational insight to drive exceptional top-line and bottom-line performance.

Lannie Tonnu
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT & CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL LOS ANGELES

Lannie Tonnu joined Children’s Hospital Los Angeles in April of 1991. She has held her current position as senior vice president of finance and chief financial officer since then. She is a member of the hospital’s executive leadership team and is responsible for the hospital’s financial affairs, including strategic and financial projection, annual budget and financial reporting, decision support and revenue cycle. Children’s Hospital Los Angeles is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit institution that provides pediatric health care to more than 107,000 children each year in a setting designed just for their needs. Tonnu is also an adjunct faculty member of the Sol Price School of Public Policy at USC; a member of the First Families Legacy Program; a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; and the Healthcare Financial Management Association: an audit committee member of the Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles; and treasurer of the California Children’s Hospital Association.

A member of Eisner Pediatric & Family Medical Center’s management team since 2008, Eugene Vekslers has taken on oversight responsibilities for the agency’s financial and business development functions. Prior to joining the company, Vekslers provided a range of accounting services - financial analysis, budgetary, A/P, and A/R functions; and audit reviews - for businesses, including Starpoint Properties, The Walt Disney Company, and The Clorox Company. He holds a B.S. in Business Administration with an emphasis in Corporate Finance/Investments from the University of Southern California. Initially hired by Eisner Pediatric as a controller, he was soon promoted to Director of Finance and then to Chief Financial Officer.

DAVID WEINBERG
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
SKECHERS

As COO and CFO of SKECHERS USA, Inc., David Weinberg is integrally involved in all aspects of the operations and accounting and finance which gives him a unique perspective of the Company. As CFO, he leads the accounting and finance team with distinction. With his vast experience in the footwear industry and over 25 years as a member of the SKECHERS executive team, Weinberg has a deep knowledge of the purchasing, warehousing, distribution, shipping and handling and finance and accounting aspects of the company. Weinberg is responsible for SKECHERS’ day-to-day operations including the attainment of short- and long-term financial and operational goals to ensure future growth to building its domestic, international, and e-commerce divisions’ infrastructure and distribution capabilities. Under Weinberg’s strong leadership and guidance of its diversified product offering, innovative marketing and extensive distribution network, SKECHERS has grown from a popular domestic footwear brand into an eight-billion-dollar market-cap public company operating in more than 100 countries and territories around the globe.

KATHY WILLARD
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
LIVE NATION ENTERTAINMENT INC.

Kathy Willard is Chief Financial Officer of Live Nation Entertainment Inc., since September 2007. Live Nation Entertainment is the global leader for live entertainment. Every 5 minutes, somewhere in the world, there is a Live Nation Entertainment event. As CFO of Live Nation Entertainment, Willard oversees the finances of the world’s largest live entertainment, ticketing and eCommerce company. She was appointed CFO in September 2007 following nine years at the company in various roles including Executive Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer. She started her career with Arthur Andersen in 1998, where she worked in audit for five years before beginning her accounting and finance career. She graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration with highest honors from the University of Oklahoma and is a Certified Public Accountant.

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TERRI WIND
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
JEFFER MANGELS BUTLER MITCHELL LLP

Terri joined the law firm Jeffers Mangels Butler Mitchell LLP in 2010 as Chief Financial Officer. She is a Certified Public Accountant and has over 20 years of experience in law firm management.

Prior to joining JMBM, Wind was the Executive Director of a prominent 100-person law firm in West Los Angeles. She has been an active member of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators, holding many Board positions, and is currently the Community Connection Chair. She has been on the planning committee for the Justice Jog, raising funds for charity, for the past 7 years. Wind also serves as a mentor to new members and participates in various community service activities.

PATRICIA WOODWORTH
VICE PRESIDENT, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER & CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER
J. PAUL GETTY TRUST

In December of 2007, the J. Paul Getty Trust appointed Patricia Woodworth Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer. Woodworth had previously served as Executive Vice President and CFO at the Art Institute of Chicago.

In her position at the Getty, Woodworth is responsible for the J. Paul Getty Trust’s budget and financial management and oversees all operational activities including Human Resources, Information Technology Services, Security, Facilities, Food Services, and Risk Management. She reports directly to James N. Wood, President & CEO of the J. Paul Getty Trust, who has noted that, “Patricia's experience at the Art Institute of Chicago, along with her experience in government and at one of this country’s leading educational institutions, uniquely prepares her to help meet the current needs of the Getty. Additionally, she brings to the position a solid track record of success and a proficiency in both finance and administration.”

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