



John R. Belk

John R. “Johnny” Belk is president and chief operating officer of Belk, Inc. He joined the company in 1983 and held a number of merchandising and store management positions until his appointment in 1992 to senior vice president of store and group operations for Belk Stores Services, Inc. He subsequently became president and chief operating officer of Belk Stores Services, Inc. in 1997, president of finance, systems and operations for Belk, Inc. in 1998, and was named to his current position in May 2004.



Prior to joining Belk, Mr. Belk was employed with Irving Trust Company for two years.

Mr. Belk serves on the board of trustees of Novant Health and the board of directors of Ruddick Corporation. He served on the board of Alltel Corporation based in Little Rock, Ark. from 1996 to 2007. He also served on the Bank of America board from 2001 to 2004.

The Charlotte, N.C., native is a graduate of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, N.C., with a Bachelor of Arts degree in honors economics and political science, and received a master’s degree in business administration from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

Mr. Belk is the son of the late Thomas M. Belk, longtime president of Belk stores, and Katherine McKay Belk Cook. His grandfather, William Henry Belk, founded the company in 1888 in Monroe, N.C.

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