Thomas M. Belk Jr.

Thomas M. "Tim" Belk Jr. is chairman and chief executive officer of Belk, Inc.

He joined the company in 1981 as a management trainee in the Matthews Belk store at Eastridge Mall in Gastonia, N.C., and subsequently was named buyer of boys and young men's merchandise for the Matthews Belk group of stores, and manager of the former Belk store at Dixie Village shopping center in Gastonia.

In 1985, he joined the Belk Charlotte group as merchandise manager and assistant store manager at the Belk store in Concord, N.C. Over the next four years, he served as divisional merchandise manager for men's and boys, vice president and director of sales promotion, and vice president of human resources for the Charlotte group.

Mr. Belk was named vice president of real estate, Belk Stores Services, Inc., Charlotte, N.C. in 1991, and subsequently became senior vice president of human resources.

In 1997, he was elected president of stores and real estate, and the following year was named president of store divisions and real estate of Belk, Inc. He served as president of store divisions, human resources, real estate and visual presentation of Belk, Inc., before his election to chairman and CEO in May 2004.

The Charlotte, N.C., native is a graduate of Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., with a Bachelor of Science degree in economics, and received a master's degree in business administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1981.

Mr. Belk serves on the board of Carolinas HealthCare System, St. Andrews School and The Orvis Company. He was the 2009 Chair of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.

Additionally, he is a member of the board of directors and a past president of the Boy Scouts of America – Mecklenburg County Council, and is an Elder at Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte.

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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