

Our Speakers



David M. Foulkes, Chief Executive Officer and Director, Brunswick Corporation

David was appointed Brunswick's chief executive officer and non-independent director in January 2019.

Mr. Foulkes had served as president - Brunswick marine consumer solutions, as well as retaining his role as Brunswick's chief technology officer (CTO).

In that most recent position, Mr. Foulkes had responsibility for the Brunswick Boat Group, NAUTIC-ON, Brunswick Marine Services, the Brunswick i-JET Innovation Lab at the University of Illinois Research Park, and Brunswick's Advanced Design Methods.

Mr. Foulkes joined Brunswick in 2007 and for ten years he was head of product development at Mercury Marine,

during which time he led the development of Mercury's line-up of market-leading outboard engines, including the recently introduced V-6 and V-8 outboard engines and advanced vessel controls, as well as the new MerCruiser gasoline and diesel inboard/sterndrive engines.

Since 2012, Mr. Foulkes has also had responsibility for Mercury Racing, and for the past five years worked closely with the Mercury Racing leadership team to significantly grow the business and introduce an unprecedented range of new high-performance Racing outboard and sterndrive products.

In his role as Brunswick's CTO, Mr. Foulkes has overseen the launch of NAUTIC-ON and Brunswick's i-JET Innovation Lab at the University of Illinois. He also championed the effort to form Brunswick's joint-venture with TechNexus to develop a portfolio of investments in start-up companies, and a separate effort to introduce a new Design Thinking initiative to the Company

Previously, Mr. Foulkes had spent 18 years with Ford Motor Company in a series of assignments of progressing responsibilities. He previously also worked with Shell Exploration and the Ministry of Defense, both in the United Kingdom. He has a bachelor's degree in aeronautics and a master's degree in structural and fluid mechanics from Imperial College in London. Mr. Foulkes serves as a trustee for Shedd Aquarium and is a Director on the Board of Vontier.



Lourdes Duarte, Co-anchor and Lead Investigative Reporter, WGN

Lourdes Duarte is a four-time EMMY Award winner. She co-anchors the *WGN Evening News at 4pm* and is one of the station's lead investigative reporters. Prior to her role on the evening news, Lourdes co-anchored the top-rated WGN Morning News. She also hosts WGN's public affairs program *Adelante Chicago*. She started her journalism career as a reporter for Telemundo Chicago. She then went on to work in news markets throughout the country including Miami, Indianapolis and Detroit. While in Indianapolis she launched, produced and hosted the public affairs show "Hoy en Dia" which won an EMMY for its impact on the Latino community.

Lourdes has been recognized for her volunteer work and engagement with Chicago's minority communities. Her alma mater, De Paul University recognized her as one of DePaul's 14 Under 40. Most recently, the Center for Journalism Integrity and Excellence awarded her the Distinguished Alumna Award along with *New York Times* Executive Editor Dean Baquet.

When she's not at WGN-TV, Lourdes is checking off locations from her travel bucket list with trips to Europe and South America. In 2017, *Modern Brown Girl* and *Chicago Woman Magazine* published her travel essay on her one-week stay in Argentina.

She's also been a featured speaker and panelist for events and organizations throughout Chicago including the annual *Dare to Dream* Conference, *Negocios Now*, *The Miracle Center* and the *National Latino Education Institute*.

Lourdes received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication from DePaul University. She lives in Chicago with her husband and daughter, Madeline.