



RICHARD G. WOLFORD
CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
DEL MONTE FOODS

Richard G. Wolford is Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Del Monte Foods, one of the country's largest and most well-known producers, distributors and marketers of premium quality, branded food and pet products for the U.S. retail market. Mr. Wolford, an industry veteran, has a diversified food industry background with experience in both publicly and privately owned businesses.

Mr. Wolford began his career in the food industry at Dole Foods, joining the company's finance department in 1967. With Dole, he lived and worked in Central America and later the Philippines where he directed the company's operations. He was subsequently responsible for Dole's worldwide packaged operations in Thailand, the Philippines, Hawaii, Korea and the U.S. mainland. In 1982, Mr. Wolford was named President of Dole Packaged Foods, a position he held until 1987, when he left to join the food industry's private sector.

In 1987, Mr. Wolford joined with venture capital investors to invest in and develop businesses in the food industry. With these investors, he identified and evaluated acquisition opportunities and, as Chief Executive Officer of the acquired companies, instituted the strategy to maximize each company's performance.

In 1995, having identified Del Monte Foods as a high potential acquisition opportunity, he began working with Texas Pacific Group, an LBO investment partnership, to acquire the company. The acquisition was completed in April 1997 and he was named Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Wolford was elected President of Del Monte in February 1998 and was elected Chairman of the Board in May 2000.

Mr. Wolford serves as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors and on the Executive Committee for the Grocery Manufacturers Association. In June 2005, he was elected Chairman of GMA's Industry Affairs Council. Mr. Wolford also serves on the Board of Directors of Pulte Homes, Inc.

Mr. Wolford graduated from Harvard University with a degree in Economics.

