

Innovation & Growth Leadership Summit Speakers

Conference Chair



Cheryl Perkins, CEO and Founder of **Innovationedge, LLC** and former Senior VP and Chief Innovation Officer, Kimberly-Clark, is a global thought leader in strategy, growth and innovation as well as a creative catalyst in brand-building initiatives that contribute to rewarding end-user experiences and improved business performance. She has been named a "Top 25 Champions of Innovation" by *Business Week* and has been recognized as a "top executive driving vision" by *Consumer Goods Technology* and received an "Excellence in Innovation Award" from the Asia Pacific Congress. In addition, Perkins is a passionate keynote speaker who has inspired audiences all over the world sharing her insights with C-level executives and innovation leaders about discovering design tools to deliver innovation solutions for sustainable growth.

Keynote



Rebecca Chesney, Research Director, Institute for the Future, Food Futures Lab
Rebecca Chesney is a Research Director with the Food Futures Lab at the Institute for the Future, a nonprofit strategic foresight group based in Palo Alto, California. With a background in finance and accounting, international development, and anthropology, she maps the forces of change that will impact the global food system and works with current and emerging industry leaders to explore possibilities for a more resilient and equitable future. She has been featured in *Wired UK's* future of food issue, IBM's thinkLeaders series, *The Financial Times*, and *Canadian Grocer Magazine*, and she is a member of the Google Food Lab.

Featured Speakers



Dennis Reimer, President, Midwest Specialty Products

Since 2005, Dennis Reimer has served Midwest Specialty Products as president and owner. Pulling from his nearly 30 years of experience in the specialty converting industry, Dennis guides the company with a focus on developing specialized products for niche markets. Dennis strives to empower Midwest employees to be engaged and involved in delivering highly responsive, relationship-oriented customer care.



Fabienne Jacquet, VP Strategic Insights, International Flavors & Fragrances

In 2014 Fabienne Jacquet joined IFF where she leads the Strategic Insights team, working closely with R&D, Corporate Development, and in collaboration with external strategic partners. Having set up the structure and vision of the Strategic Insights function, she now plays an instrumental role in identifying new growth opportunities and expanding the business. Previously, Fabienne directed strategic direction and technology alliances at Colgate Palmolive and brings keen insight into defining consumer needs and finding the best solutions – both internally and externally.

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Pete Dulcamara, Vice President, Corporate Research & Engineering, Kimberly-Clark Corporation

Pete Dulcamara is Vice President of Corporate Research & Engineering within Global Brands & Innovation for the Kimberly-Clark Corporation. Pete leads the discovery, development, and delivery of science and technology to help Kimberly-Clark lead the world in essentials for a better life. Under his leadership, Corporate Research & Engineering provides advanced scientific research and technology development to all business sectors and all regions of the company globally in the areas of materials science, life sciences, analytical sciences, innovation testing, global clinical affairs, technology licensing, and research management solutions.



Herman So, Vice President, Kent Corporation

Herman was recently brought into Kent from subsidiary Grain Processing to provide thought-leadership on corporation-wide innovation efforts to accelerate growth and increase revenue & earnings long into the future. In collaboration with all Kent Corporation's subsidiaries (Grain Processing Corporation, Kent Nutrition Group, Kent Pet Group, and Kent Precision Foods Group), his role is to identify new ideas, expand market research, understand customers' needs and identify disruptive innovation. He is also responsible for developing strategies and processes to guide the Executive Team in allocating resources for innovation projects and engaging the business units to pursue business and growth opportunities.



Steph Barry, Managing Director, Global Market Development, Solatube International, Inc.

Steph Barry is a deeply experienced innovation executive who has successfully built international teams and led transformational growth at organizations such as WD-40 Company, University of California San Diego, and more. She has expertise in leveraging resources, maximizing revenue and profit, building and sustaining a loyal brand, and fostering an innovative culture. In her new position at Solatube International, she is responsible for global strategy and market expansion.