



**Robert Maricich**  
**President and Chief Executive Officer**  
**World Market Center Las Vegas**

Robert Maricich is widely recognized as one of the luxury home furnishing industry's most innovative leaders. He was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of World Market Center Las Vegas during the first day of the Winter 2008 Las Vegas Market in January. The first Market Week with Maricich at the helm saw a significant increase in the number of total registrations as well as increases in the number of buyers and non-U.S. attendees.

Prior to his joining World Market Center Las Vegas, Maricich spent 11 years at Hickory, N.C.-based Century Furniture Industries, most recently as president and chief executive officer. During his tenure as president and CEO, Maricich oversaw 1,200 associates and was instrumental in building the \$175 million company into one of the industry's most admired brands. Century is one of the world's largest privately owned manufacturers of high-end residential furniture.

In addition to his time with Century, Maricich also has served for many years on the American Furniture Manufacturers Association Board of Directors and most recently was the past chairman of the executive committee. In 2000, he was appointed by the Governor of North Carolina to be chairman of North Carolina Export Council, a position he held until 2004.

A contributor to *Harvard Business Review*, Maricich is a frequent speaker at leading design events and national business conferences. Most recently, he delivered the keynote address at the U.S. Naval Academy Leadership Excellence Summit.

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