

## Derek Kerr

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Derek Kerr is Vice Chair, President of American Eagle and Strategic Advisor. He leads American's Regional and Cargo teams and serves as a strategic advisor to the company. As President of American Eagle, he is responsible for more than half of American's departures with oversight of the airlines regional operations.

Until 2023, Derek also served as Chief Financial Officer, overseeing all global corporate risk, corporate development and corporate financial functions, including treasury, accounting, financial planning, labor and fleet analysis, tax, strategic planning, investor relations and purchasing. He played key roles in the integration with US Airways and navigating the unprecedented financial challenges created by the global pandemic.

Derek joined America West Airlines in 1996 and served in a variety of finance and planning roles until being named Chief Financial Officer in 2002. In 2005, he was named Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of US Airways, and then promoted to Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in 2009 with an added responsibility for information technology. Derek also worked in financial planning and analysis at Northwest Airlines. Before that, he was a flight test coordinator/control engineer with Northrop Corporation's B-2 Division.

Derek serves on the advisory board of the University of Michigan Ross School of Business and the board of directors of the Dallas Regional Chamber and the Cotton Bowl. He is also a member of the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics and the Knight Commission Task Force on Racial Equality.

Derek earned a Bachelor of Science in aeronautical engineering and a Master of Business Administration in finance from the University of Michigan