



Marilyn Carlson Nelson

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Marilyn Carlson Nelson is chairman and chief executive officer of Carlson, a global group of integrated companies providing business and leisure travel, hotel, restaurant, cruise, and marketing services. With headquarters in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and operations in nearly 150 other countries and territories, Carlson-owned and franchised operations employ about 170,000 people.

Forbes magazine has regularly selected Ms. Nelson as one of “The World’s 100 Most Powerful Women,” and in 2006 she was named one of “America’s Best Leaders” by *U.S. News and World Report*. She is on the World Economic Forum’s International Business Council and in 2004 co-chaired the Forum’s annual meeting in Davos, Switzerland. She recently completed a presidential appointment as chair of the National Women’s Business Council, an advisory council to the President and Congress, and is currently vice-chair of the U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board.

In October 2006, H.E. Jean-David Levitte, French Ambassador to the United States, invested Ms. Nelson in the French Légion d’Honneur, an order created by Napoleon Bonaparte. The order recognizes citizens of France, and select others, for their exemplary service to humanity.

Outside her industry, Ms. Nelson serves on the boards of Exxon Mobil Corporation, the Mayo Clinic Foundation, and the Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy.

