

## Speaker Biography

**Sidney Taurel** is chairman and chief executive officer for Eli Lilly and Company. He became chief executive officer in July 1998 and chairman of the board of directors on January 1, 1999.

Born a Spanish citizen in Casablanca, Morocco, Taurel became an American citizen in November 1995. After graduating from École des Hautes Études Commerciales, in Paris, France, in 1969, he received a master of business administration degree from Columbia University in 1971.

Taurel joined the Lilly subsidiary Eli Lilly International Corporation in 1971 as a marketing associate. He became general manager of the company's affiliate in Brazil in 1981 and was appointed to the London-based position of vice president of Lilly European operations in 1983. He was named executive vice president of Eli Lilly and Company and president of its pharmaceutical division in 1993. Three years later, he was promoted to president and chief operating officer.

Taurel is past president and a member of the executive committee of the board of directors of Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA). He is also a member of the boards of IBM Corporation; McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.; and the RCA Tennis Championships. And he is a member of the board of overseers of the Columbia Business School, a trustee at Indianapolis Museum of Art, and a member of The Business Council and The Business Roundtable.

In 2001, Taurel became a chevalier (knight) of the French Legion of Honor. In early 2003, Taurel was named to the President's Export Council, to provide advice on international trade issues.