MICHAEL WEISS

Michael Weiss is Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Express, a, dual gender fashion brand that has been in business for more than 30 years. Mr. Weiss came back to Express in July of 2007 after three years of retirement when the company, which had been a wholly owned division of Limited Brands, was sold to Golden Gate Capital. Under Mr. Weiss’ leadership, the Express brand has experienced unprecedented growth, expanding into new categories and new channels of distribution. This growth culminated in the Company’s IPO in May of 2010. Traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: EXPR), Express is one of the largest specialty retail apparel brands in the United States with more than 600 retail stores across the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

Mr. Weiss began his career with Limited Brands in 1981 as the merchandise manager for an eight-store experimental division, which became Express. He served as President of Express from 1982 to 1993 and took the division from virtually zero to a billion in sales in less than ten years. He then left to become Vice Chairman of Limited Brands in 1993 only to return to Express in 1997 as President and Chief Executive Officer.

Under Mr. Weiss’ leadership Express successfully created and spun off two divisions; the first was Structure, which is now part of the Express brand; and the second was Bath & Body Works.

Before joining Limited Brands Mr. Weiss worked with Apparel Industries, a manufacturer in New York. Earlier in his career, he had been with Casual Corner and Abraham and Strauss. Currently, Mr. Weiss is on the board of Collective Brands. He also has served on the board of Retail Management at Brigham Young University, the American Red Cross of Columbus, the Greater Columbus Arts Council, United Way of Franklin County and the Columbus Jewish Federation.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Mr. Weiss holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Syracuse University, where he majored in English.