



Marilyn Carlson Nelson
Chairman and CEO
Carlson Companies, Inc.



Marilyn Carlson Nelson is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of one of the largest privately held companies in the world.

Carlson Companies is the parent corporation of a global group of integrated companies focusing on Consumer Services and Corporate Solutions. The companies specialize in travel, hotel, restaurant, cruise and marketing services. With headquarters in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Carlson-related brands employ some 190,000 people around the world.

Among names in the Carlson family of brands and services are: Carlson Marketing Group, Carlson Wagonlit Travel, Regent International Hotels, Radisson Hotels & Resorts, Country Inns & Suites By Carlson, Park Plaza and Park Inn hotels, Results Travel, Cruise Holidays, Radisson Seven Seas Cruises, and T.G.I. Friday's and Pick Up Stix restaurants.

Carlson Nelson is a regular on *Fortune* magazine's list of the Most Powerful Women in Business, and has been selected by *Business Week* as one of the Top 25 Executives in Business. She has been ranked by *Travel Agent* magazine as "the Most Powerful Woman in Travel" annually since 1997. Under her leadership, in 2001 and 2002 Carlson Companies was named to the 100 Best Companies for Working Mothers list by *Working Mothers* magazine, and in 2002 the company was named one of the best compa-

nies to work for by *Fortune* magazine.

Carlson Nelson was National Chair of the Travel Industry Association of America in 2000 and currently is a member of the Council of the World Economic Forum and serves on the Forum's Board of Governors for Travel and Tourism. She has led that organization's discussion of the global travel and tourism industry since 1997. In 1996, she served as a delegate to the White House Conference on Tourism, and as a board member of the USA's National Tourism Organization from 1996 - 1998.

Carlson Nelson currently serves on the boards of Exxon-Mobil Corporation and the Mayo Clinic Foundation. She holds the Woodrow Wilson Award for Corporate Citizenship from the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, and currently serves on the International Advisory Council. She has also served on the advisory board of the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, the Curtis L. Carlson School of Management and the Juran Center for Leadership in Quality.

In 1982, Carlson Nelson was awarded the Royal Order of the North Star by King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden, and in 1983, the Order of the White Rose from Finland President Martti Ahtisaari.