



Timothy P. Taft
President and CEO, Fiesta Restaurant Group[®], Inc.

Tim Taft is a seasoned restaurant and hospitality veteran with more than 35 years' experience as a successful operator, marketer, and brand builder. In April 2011, Tim was tapped by Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc., to guide its then subsidiary, Fiesta Restaurant Group, through its spin-off from Carrols and to take the reins of Fiesta as its President and Chief Executive Officer upon Fiesta becoming a separate public company.

Both of Fiesta's brands, Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana have thrived under his leadership and Fiesta continues its trajectory as one of the fastest-growing restaurant companies in the nation. Tim has also been a director of Fiesta since the spin-off in May 2012.

Previously, Mr. Taft served for over a decade in various officer and executive positions at Whataburger, Inc., a Texas based hamburger chain, including serving as President and Chief Operating Officer from 2001 to 2005. During his tenure, Whataburger doubled the number of restaurants operated, expanded into 9 states, tripled AUV's and achieved a phenomenal record of 44 consecutive quarters of same store sales growth.

Taft also served as Chief Executive Officer of Pizza Inn, Inc., from 2005 to 2007 where he led a team that reversed a 5-plus year slide in same store sales and maintained system sales increases in what was a 99% franchised business model. Taft also served as CEO for Texas based icons Grandys and Souper Salad where he inherited persistent negative trends and successfully managed turnarounds at both brands.