



Christopher Celtruda

Chief Executive Officer, Board Member

Christopher Celtruda has been the Chief Executive Officer and a Member of the Board of Directors for Kellstrom Defense since 2013. He is responsible for the P&L and strategy for a portfolio of defense aftermarket businesses that includes Kellstrom Defense Aerospace, Inc., Kellstrom Repair Services, Inc., Merex Aircraft Company, Inc., and Alco Services, Inc.

Mr. Celtruda has over twenty years of experience managing complex businesses in the aerospace, defense, and industrial markets. He is an accomplished leader with expertise in business and operations leadership, engineering, M&A, restructuring, and business development.

He was most recently engaged as Managing Principal at Destiny Equity Partners, LLC providing advisory services to public and private equity backed firms for strategy, business management, transactional M&A, and investment in manufacturing enterprises.

Mr. Celtruda served as President and Corporate Officer for the \$1.2 billion Gardner Denver Industrial Products business unit. Prior to joining Gardner Denver, he was the Group Executive and Corporate Officer who led the formation of the global CIRCOR Aerospace division of CIRCOR International. He spent more than twelve years in a variety of roles of increasing responsibility in the aerospace market vertical with Honeywell International and former AlliedSignal.

Mr. Celtruda holds a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering from University of Maine and an M.B.A. from the W.P. Carey School of Business at the Arizona State University, with studies in international management at Ecole Supérieure de Commerce in Toulouse, France.

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