



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 currently responsible for the P&L and strategy for a sponsor backed portfolio of defense aftermarket businesses. The current business is focused on the sustainment of military aircraft with operating units providing global distribution of OEM spares, component repair services, and the design and manufacture of alternate spare part solutions.

Mr. Celtruda has over twenty-five 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 global business development.

He was formerly engaged as the founder and 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 has held a number of senior executive roles for publicly traded businesses, including serving as President and Corporate Officer for the \$1.2 billion Gardner Denver Industrial Pump and Compressor business unit. Prior to joining Gardner Denver, he was the group executive who led the formation and expansion of the global Aerospace division of CIRCOR International. Prior to this, he spent over ten years in a variety of roles of increasing responsibility in the aerospace market vertical with Honeywell International, the former AlliedSignal, and General Dynamics.

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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