



Mary Wagner, President, MK Wagner & Associates

Wagner is well-known in the food industry. She is currently a member of the Board of Directors of Griffith Foods International, a developer and manufacturer of food ingredients, as well as Jones Dairy, a manufacturer of meat and meat products.

In December 2016, she retired from Starbucks Coffee Company as Senior Vice President of Global Product Innovation, Food Safety and Quality where she was responsible for creating global food and beverage products for Starbucks' retail, food service and consumer packaged goods.

Wagner previously worked at Mars, Inc. as General Manager of Mars Botanical, a manufacturer of food supplements sold through retail and internet channels. She has also served as Chief Technology and Quality Officer at E&J Gallo Winery, the largest winery in the world. Reporting to Gallo's CEO, she created their first Global Technology and Quality function, launched an innovative and unique consumer sensory mapping process for wines, and led a wave of beverage product innovation.

As Chief Technology and Quality Officer at Taco Bell, she managed the company's response to the highly publicized genetically modified corn crisis in 2000.