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Lee Turlington is Vice President of Global Product at Patagonia. He provides strategic leadership for product design, advanced innovation, global merchandising, and materials development with a fully integrated approach. With over twenty-five years in the outdoor and sports industry, Lee¹s business tenure has been chiseled by companies large and small, by those that are market leaders as well as market challengers, giving him a broad vantage point keenly suited to address the global challenges that color today¹s evolving markets. Turlington has held leadership roles in, and helped shape the face and infrastructure of global brands such as The North Face, Fila, and Nike, Inc. Today Lee¹s role at Patagonia allows for a unique application of his diverse experience in guiding the global product teams to fulfill Patagonia¹s mission: Make the best product, cause no unnecessary harm, and use business to inspire and implement solutions to the environmental crisis. Lee holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics, from Lenoir-Rhyne University. He is based in the USA in California, and is an American citizen, originally from North Carolina.

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