

For more than 30 years, Niall FitzGerald's career in Unilever spanned the international business world. He has had senior financial and operational roles in the United States and Europe and chaired one of the leading international companies in South Africa during the last days of apartheid. In 1996 he became Chairman and CEO of Unilever and for eight years had an unrivalled view of the globalising economy at the head of one of the most international companies in the world. With a worldwide workforce of more than 250,000 and sales in more than 150 countries, he also experienced in "real-time" the challenge of leading a business in society.