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As Vice President of Finance, Richard Franke implements financial controls, oversees finance and accounting operations, and serves on the senior management team at Thunderbird School of Global Management. Prior to joining Thunderbird in 2013, Mr. Franke led various strategic planning teams focused on short-term and long-range criteria to ensure corporate viability. Most recently, he served as chief finance officer at Scottsdale, Arizona-based Hydration Technology Innovations. He has a record of contributing to bottom-line results by improving top-line performance, reducing costs and implementing more effective financial controls. Overall, he has more than 30 years of senior leadership experience as a CFO, COO and CEO. Mr. Franke earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Arizona State University and is licensed as a Certified Public Accountant in Arizona. He also is registered as a Charter Global Management Accountant.

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