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Rick Darling serves as Executive Director, Government & Public Affairs for Li & Fung Ltd., a multi-national consumer goods sourcing company recognized as a leader in design, development, sourcing and distribution with over 300 offices and distribution centers in more than 40 economies. He is a longtime advocate for bringing innovation, creativity and sustainability to the apparel industry and its related supply chain. Rick oversees the company's Government Relations, Public Affairs, Vendor Compliance & Sustainability and, multistakeholder initiatives such as improving worker safety in Bangladesh. Rick represents Li & Fung as an Advisor to The Alliance for Bangladesh Worker Safety formed by North America's major global retailers and, The Accord on Fire & Building Safety in Bangladesh formed by major European retailers and brands. Prior to Li & Fung, Mr. Darling founded The Millwork Trading Company, which specialized in private label programs for specialty retailers and wholesalers in the U.S. and Japan. After a 16-year joint venture with Li & Fung, it was acquired by Li & Fung in 1998. He then successfully established Li & Fung USA (LF USA) in 2004 and served as its president for over a decade. Rick has served two consecutive terms as the Chairman for the American Apparel & Footwear Association, is on the Boards of the University of Arkansas, K.I.D.S./Fashion Delivers, Clear Energy and a member of the Parsons Board of Governors.