



World Affairs Council of Charlotte Table Purchase

CEO Series Program

Kurk Wilks, President and CEO of MANN + HUMMEL

Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026

Hilton Charlotte Uptown

VIP Reception: 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | **Lunch:** 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.



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Ambassador Sponsor - \$7,500

- ◆ Three tables of 8 with preferred seating at the luncheon
- ◆ Two seat at the Head Table with the speaker
- ◆ Attendance for all 26 designated representatives to business networking VIP reception with the speaker
- ◆ Opportunity for opening/closing remarks
- ◆ Recognition as "Presenting Sponsor"
- ◆ Recognition on WACC website, communication, & social media outreach
- ◆ Recognition from podium and banner displayed at event

Diplomat Sponsor - \$5,000

- ◆ Two tables of 8 with preferred seating at the luncheon
- ◆ One seat at the Head Table with the speaker
- ◆ Attendance for all 17 designated representatives to business networking VIP reception with the speaker
- ◆ Recognition on WACC website, communication, & social media outreach
- ◆ Recognition from podium and banner displayed at event

Envoy Sponsor - \$3,000

- ◆ One table of 8 with preferred seating at the luncheon
- ◆ Attendance for all 9 representatives to business networking VIP reception with the speaker
- ◆ One seat at the Head Table with the speaker
- ◆ Recognition on WACC website, communication, & social media outreach
- ◆ Recognition from podium & banner displayed at event

Attaché Sponsor - \$1,500

- ◆ One table of 8 with preferred seating at the luncheon
- ◆ Business networking VIP reception for 4 designated representatives
- ◆ Recognition on WACC website, communication, & social media outreach
- ◆ Recognition from podium & banner displayed at event

AV Partner - \$1,000

- ◆ Recognition as "AV Partner"
- ◆ 6 seats with preferred seating at luncheon
- ◆ Access to the VIP Reception for all 6 attendees
- ◆ Recognition on WACC website, communication, & social media outreach
- ◆ Recognition from podium & banner displayed at event

Benefits of Underwriting a CEO Series Program:

- ◆ Increase corporate visibility through program and education sponsorships
- ◆ Build, maintain and strengthen professional and client networks through Council events
- ◆ Reach out to high-level professionals and leaders in the Charlotte community
- ◆ Learn about international affairs from foreign government /state officials, renowned authors, and world leaders
- ◆ Support international education in the Charlotte community



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Kurk Wilks Bio:

Kurk M. Wilks is the President and Chief Executive Officer of MANN+HUMMEL, a leading global expert in filtration. Wilks moved into the role in January 2020, after a career of more than 26 years in the industry. During his time prior to and at MANN+HUMMEL, he served in roles in finance/accounting, sales, business development and operations. His MANN+HUMMEL career began in 1998, where he has held senior leadership roles both regionally and globally, including direct responsibility up to general management for the North and South American regions and globally for the company's Original Equipment division.

As the leader of MANN+HUMMEL, Wilks feels strongly about the importance of talent and diversity and has worked tirelessly to develop these attributes within MANN+HUMMEL. In his role as CEO, Wilks and his team believe MANN+HUMMEL is uniquely positioned to lead the organization towards our common goal of leadership in filtration. Cleaner air, cleaner water and cleaner mobility are foundations for our future, and it's with our commitment towards our expertise in filtration and our inherent sustainable target of filtration, that we see a bright future.

As a driver of change, Wilks currently serves as Chairman of the American Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA), the voice of the US automotive and commercial vehicle supplier industry. He joined MEMA's Board of Directors in 2021. Wilks also actively participates in the functions of the Original Equipment Suppliers Association (OESA) and numerous other local councils.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Wilks earned both his undergraduate degree in Accounting and his MBA from Walsh College in Troy, Michigan.

UNDERWRITING INFORMATION: Please contact Madison NeeSmith by phone (704-687-7758) or [email](mailto:mneesmit@charlotte.edu) mneesmit@charlotte.edu for table purchases and underwriting information.

ABOUT WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF CHARLOTTE: The [World Affairs Council of Charlotte](#) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization supported by funding from individual and corporate member dues, foundations and contributions. By serving as a regional center for education and discussion of world affairs, WACC seeks to provide leadership for global thinking, believing that a broad perspective is necessary for effective competition in the global economy and for responsible citizenship in an increasingly interdependent political world.