



Bill Thompson
Chief Operating Officer and Member of the Board,
Bridgestone Americas, Inc.;
Vice President and Senior Officer, Bridgestone
Corporation

Bill Thompson was named Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Bridgestone Americas, Inc. (BSAM) in September 2016, a position he has concurrently with his roles as a member of the board for BSAM and Vice President of Bridgestone Corporation. As COO, Thompson focuses on operational excellence, systems improvements, and cost leadership and is responsible for diversified products businesses, manufacturing and supply chain management, finance, IT and enterprise project management.

Most recently, Thompson served as Chief Financial Officer for BSAM, overseeing all aspects of the finance, accounting and shared services functions of the organization. In this role, he led the creation of a defined benefit pension strategy and aggressively supported development of a formal office to analyze potential merger and acquisition targets. Thompson has contributed to the company's profitability in several ways, with one of the most notable examples being the launch of BSAM's multi-function Shared Business Services organization.

Since joining the company as Senior Financial Analyst of the Southeast Zone of the United States in 1996, he has held numerous financial positions for retail, manufacturing, sales and corporate groups. Thompson was the finance lead during Bridgestone's acquisition of Bandag retreads in 2007, and in 2011, served as West Zone Manager for US Commercial Tire Sales. He later assumed the role as Controller of BSAM in 2012 before being named Vice President of Finance for BSAM in 2013.

Thompson is a native of Huntington, N.Y. He received a bachelor's degree in economics at State University of New York Stony Brook, and a master's degree in finance from Georgia State University. He currently lives in Brentwood, Tenn., with his wife and three sons.

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