Rafael Santana

President and Chief Executive Officer

Rafael Santana is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Wabtec, the foremost global provider of equipment, systems, digital solutions, and value-added services for the freight and transit rail industries, and the world's most valuable rail technology company.

Rafael has nearly three decades of executive leadership experience focused mainly on the transportation, energy, and mining sectors.

Since assuming leadership of Wabtec in 2019, Rafael has successfully integrated the operations of Wabtec, GE Transportation, and Faiveley Transport into a unified Wabtec. Under his leadership and vision, the company has doubled its enterprise value and continues to deliver innovative solutions enabling rail customers to operate more efficiently, safely, and sustainably. Prior to Wabtec, Rafael was President and Chief Executive Officer of GE Transportation, where he expanded the company's global presence while establishing strong overhaul and modernization capabilities through strategic multi-year programs. Preceding that, as President and CEO of GE in Latin America, Rafael led the region into becoming one of GE's largest and most dynamic markets. A transformative global executive, Rafael also served as President & CEO of GE's Turbomachinery Solutions Business within the Oil and Gas sector, achieving notable margin growth in a challenging market. He began his career with roles at ExxonMobil and British American Tobacco prior to joining GE in 2000.

Today, Rafael leads Wabtec's global workforce of over 28,000 employees in over 50 countries and is an active member of the company's board. He also serves on the boards of The Travelers Companies Inc., The Allegheny Conference on Community Development, The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, and The Latin School of Chicago.

A native of Brazil, Rafael holds an engineering degree from the Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais.

