

THOMAS S. GELLERT

Tom Gellert is a Principal of the Gellert Global Group of companies, a family-owned group of businesses that represent diversified interests in international food importing, specialty packaging, financial services, restaurant management and real estate with aggregate annual revenues approaching a billion dollars a year. The group is anchored by Atalanta Corporation, Elizabeth, New Jersey, which was founded by Tom's grandfather in 1945.

Prior to joining Atalanta as Vice President in charge of the Cheese Division in 2002 Tom followed a very interesting and diversified career path. After receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Food Industry Management from the Cornell University School of Agriculture and Life Sciences in 1994, Tom joined Vello, SRL, a cheese exporter in Orzinuovi, Italy as Export Sales-Regional Manager, where he remained for two years. Tom is fluent in Italian and has a working knowledge of Spanish.

In the fall of 1996 he returned to Cornell where he earned a MBA from the Johnson Graduate School of Management in 1999 and a JD (Juris Doctorate) from Cornell Law School in 2000.

After receiving his JD degree in 2000 Tom was employed for two years as a *Consumer Group Investment Banking Associate* with Deutsche Bank Alex Brown in New York, where he was involved in both the buy-side and sell-side of a number of M&A projects. During that time he passed the New York State Bar Exam.

In 2002 Tom joined Atalanta Corporation where he is currently Vice President and manages the Specialty Cheese and Deli Division with in excess of \$120 million in annual sales. He also serves as President of several of the Gellert Global Group companies including Tipico Products Co., Inc., Finica Foods Ltd. (Canada), and DeMedici Imports, Ltd. with aggregate annual sales of \$70 million.

Tom has had a life long love of sports. He played on the Varsity Lightweight Football team during his undergraduate years at Cornell and the Lacrosse and Rugby teams during his years at the Johnson Graduate School. He served as an assistant football coach for Cornell Sprint Football and for the Bengals' Football Club in Brescia, Italy. He enjoys traveling, good food and skiing.

Tom lives in Manhattan with his wife Melissa and their daughter Devon and baby son, Levi.