



## Edgar G. Hotard

### Board of Directors

Edgar G. Hotard, 57, joined the Board of Directors in May 1999. Mr. Hotard retired as President and Chief Operating Officer of Praxair, Inc. in January 1999 where he was first elected President in 1990. He is a former director and member of the Executive Committee of the Board of the United States/China Business Council, Chairman of the Board of the Compressed Gas Association and President of the International Oxygen Manufacturers Association. He received a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering from Northwestern University. Mr. Hotard serves on the Board of Directors for EDGEN Corp. and Home Care Supply and is the Chairman of Surface Logix, Inc. Mr. Hotard is currently an independent consultant/investor.