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## Alex R. Fischer

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Alex Fischer is President and CEO of the Columbus Partnership, a civic leadership organization formed in 2002 of Columbus, Ohio's, top business leaders to improve the economic and cultural base of central Ohio. The Partnership is helping to lead the Columbus 2020 economic development effort, which is a collaboration of regional economic development organizations. The membership of the Partnership is composed exclusively of chairpersons and chief executive officers of Columbus' largest companies and institutions and includes 15 Fortune 1000 CEOs.

The Columbus Partnership played a key role in winning the U.S. Department of Transportation's "Smart City Challenge" to bring \$50 million of grant funding to the city and receiving official designation as the "Smart City" of North America. Fischer serves as Co-Chairman of Smart Columbus and leads the private-sector efforts to make Columbus a pioneer in smart mobility.

Fischer also serves as Chairman of Nationwide Children's Hospital; Trustee of The Ohio State University; and on the boards of Advanced Drainage Systems, Columbus 2020, Nationwide Children's Championship, and The Ohio State Innovation Foundation.

A native of Hendersonville, Tennessee, Fischer graduated from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville with a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree from the school of Architecture and Planning. Alex and his wife Lori have three children and reside in the city of Columbus.

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