Alexander C. Taylor
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Alex Taylor is the executive vice president and chief operating officer of Cox Enterprises, a private, family-owned company based in Atlanta, Georgia with more than $20 billion in annual revenue and 60,000 employees worldwide. On January 1, 2018, he will assume the role of President and CEO of Cox Enterprises. He currently oversees the company’s three subsidiaries, Cox Communications, Cox Automotive and Cox Media Group, as well as its long-term growth and investment plans. Taylor serves on Cox Enterprises’ board of directors and is the great-grandson of James M. Cox, who founded the company in 1898.

Taylor previously served as executive vice president of strategic investments at Cox Enterprises, where he had oversight of diversification funds in a wide-range of businesses, including energy, technology and health care. He led the creation of Techstars Atlanta, an accelerator funded by Cox with the goal of cultivating start-ups in the metropolitan Atlanta region.

During his 17-year career at Cox, Taylor has held numerous positions within the company. He was senior vice president of field operations for Cox Communications, the company’s broadband and cable division. As executive vice president of Cox Media Group, he oversaw its largest television, radio, newspaper and digital properties, and led the creation of the company’s first cross-platform newsroom. Taylor began his career as a reporter for the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel in Colorado.

Taylor is a board member of the Food Well Alliance and PATH Foundation, and former board chair of American Rivers. He received a bachelor’s degree in science with a focus on human and organizational development from Vanderbilt University, where he now serves on the board of trust. An avid outdoorsman and conservationist, he is the author of “The Longest Cast: The Fly-Fishing Journey of a Lifetime.” He donated the royalties from the book to the International Game Fishing Association for the preservation of endangered fishing sanctuaries.