

# Board of Directors — Biography



## **Barb Samardzich** **VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING** **OFFICER (RETIRED), FORD OF EUROPE**

As an experienced global leader, Barb Samardzich brings significant international automotive industry experience to Adient’s board.

Samardzich served as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Ford of Europe from November 2013 until her retirement in October 2016. After joining Ford in 1990, she held a number of leadership roles in product development, powertrain engineering, and powertrain operations. Prior to Ford, Samardzich worked as a thermal design engineer in Westinghouse Electric’s nuclear fuels division.

She serves as Lead Director of BRP, Inc. Samardzich previously served as a director of MTS Systems and as a member of its Compensation Committee until 2017; as a director of Velodyne LiDAR and as a member of its Audit Committee and chair of its Compensation Committee until 2021; and as a director of AB SKF until 2022.

Among her many honors, Samardzich was named one of the 25 Leading Women in European Auto Industry by “Automotive News” in 2016, an “Automobilwoche” magazine Top 50 Automotive Women (Frauen der Autobranche) for 2011 and an “Automotive News” All Star for 2009 and 2010.

Samardzich holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Florida, a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University, and a Master of Science in Engineering Management from Wayne State University.