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Sandra E. Taylor is the former SVP of Corporate Responsibility at Starbucks and CEO of Sustainable Business International, a consulting business she launched in 2008 that assists organizations at various stages of environmental, sustainability, and social responsibility practice. Taylor's expertise provides innovative approaches to sustainability strategy, including supply chain sustainability, strategic philanthropy, stakeholder engagement, ESG analysis, and social investments.

During her tenure at Starbucks Coffee Company in Seattle, Washington (2003 – 2008), Sandra led the strategic development and day-to-day direction of all global corporate responsibility programs, including the development of responsible, ethical, and sustainable standards for coffee, tea, cocoa supply chains; reduction of the environmental impact of business operations; community affairs; the Starbucks Foundation and disaster relief support.

Taylor has been an Expert-in-Residence at Presidio Graduate School in San Francisco, a First Mover Fellow in Aspen Institute's Business and Society Program, and was the Falk Professor of Socially Responsible Business at Chatham University in Pittsburgh, PA. She has been a corporate board director of Capella Education Company, DE Master Blenders in the Netherlands, and Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, all publicly traded. Her nonprofit board service includes the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Island Press in Washington DC and LIVE Certified in the Pacific Northwest. Taylor has a BA in French from Colorado Women's College, a Juris Doctorate from Boston University School of Law, and a master's in business administration (MBA) from the Bordeaux School of Management in France.

Her book, *The Business of Sustainable Wine: How to Build Brand Equity in a 21 Century Wine Industry*, was published in 2017.
