

Ira Sharfin, Continental Office

Ira Sharfin is the CEO of Continental Office, based in Columbus, OH, with additional locations in Pittsburgh and Toledo. He strives to change the way people work and think by creating and sharing research and insights about spacial environments. His understanding that great spaces are only as great as the ideas that are created inside them is the driving force behind Continental's business and brand.



Continental Office is a team of 230+ creative problem solvers who bring new ideas to life through industry knowledge and collaboration. The company influences meaningful change in environments with specific expertise in furniture, floors, walls, branding and services, and is also one of North America's largest Herman Miller dealers.

Ira joined Continental in 2005 after 17 years of consulting for PwC and IBM. As a strategy partner, he worked with several Fortune 500 companies, primarily in the consumer and industrial sectors. Ira served as the global leader for the Strategic Profit Improvement practice and as one of the industry leaders for IBM's Mergers & Acquisitions team.

Throughout his career, he has worked with teams on creative solutions for business strategy, marketing and sales alignment, merger integration, associate engagement and operations improvements.

Ira has been involved with various organizations and boards of directors, including: Columbus Museum of Art, Young Presidents Organization, Columbus School for Girls, New Albany Community Foundation, Wexner Heritage Village, St. Stephen's Community House, NCT Ventures, Herman Miller Dealer Steering Council, OSU Hillel and Project Mentor (Big Brothers Big Sisters).

Ira graduated from the University of Michigan with an Industrial Engineering degree. He lives in New Albany with his wife Dr. Meghan Cook, 3 daughters and dog, Freddie.