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Chris Mallett, president of Mallett Consultancy, consults with companies, venture capital funds and start-ups on strategy, commercialization, technology, and technical and marketing trends in food and agriculture. He also serves as treasurer and board director of the Foundation for Food and Agricultural Research, a large non-profit organization authorized by Congress as part of the 2014 Farm Bill to leverage public and private resources to increase scientific and technological research, innovation, and partnerships critical to boosting America's agricultural economy.

Dr. Mallett was the foundational corporate vice president responsible for all innovation and R&D resources across Cargill, Inc. for 13 years before retiring in 2018.

Prior to joining Cargill, Dr. Mallett was the foundational senior vice president of R&D and CTO of the dairy multinational Fonterra in New Zealand. Before assuming his role at Fonterra, he led the food and agribusiness activities at CSIRO Australia, the nation's premier science agency, where he served successively as chief of division, executive vice president, and deputy CEO. He had previously held various leadership positions in R&D in the European edible oils and frozen food business of Unilever, the consumer goods multinational, which he had joined in 1982 after an academic career in Austria and Australia.

Dr. Mallett has served on many boards of directors and advisory boards in the UK, Australia, New Zealand, and the US. He was elected a fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering in 1999, and was awarded a 2000 Centenary Medal of Australia for contribution to Australia's R&D.

Dr. Mallett received his Bachelor's, Master's, and DPhil degrees in chemistry from the University of Oxford.
