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Tompkins International Announces 2020 Annual Supply Chain Leadership Forum

Join the 2020 Annual Supply Chain Leadership Forum to connect, share, and learn from top supply chain executives.

Raleigh, NC - [Tompkins International](#) announces the 2020 Annual Supply Chain Leadership Forum will be held in Pinehurst, North Carolina from May 4-6, 2020 at The Carolina Hotel. The purpose of the [Supply Chain Leadership Forum](#) is to bring supply chain executives together from a wide range of industries to connect, share, and learn. The topics of discussion relate to supply chain, business strategies, and operations. Supply chain executives from all major industries are in attendance, including retail, consumer products, 3PL, pharmaceutical, and select service providers.

The 2019 event included [Siemens](#) hosting a live demonstration of original equipment manufacturer digitalization tools, including a multi-carrier system with fine motion control and delta pickers, along with digital twin and virtual commissioning on individual screens. [Peter Millar](#) hosted an exclusive tour of their newest distribution center. Some of the equipment that was seen on the tour included multi-level pick module, garment on hanger, high density deck rack storage, drive roller, narrow belt sorters, scanners, work platforms, and spiral chutes. Chris Sultemeier, former Head of Logistics for [Walmart](#), was another great addition to this year's Forum. Sultemeier discussed his 28-year career at the world's largest retailer, providing a lot of insight on operations both domestically and internationally.

Another highlight of every Supply Chain Leadership Forum is the keynote given by Jim Tompkins, CEO of Tompkins International and [MonarchFx](#). This year, Tompkins addressed how organizations can succeed and flourish in these uncertain times, explaining the disruption cycle, the level of organizational chaos, and how the volatility of global economies is forcing organizations to deal with an unprecedented level of uncertainty. Unfortunately, many organizations are not comfortable dealing with uncertainty. Therefore, organizations continue to develop strategies, structures, and solutions according to a theoretical view of the *Steady State*. The reality is the *Steady State* is an obsolete concept that vanished at the beginning of the digital revolution. Tompkins explained new ways to think about and develop anti-brittle strategies, structures, and solutions, helping organizations evolve today. He further discussed how to achieve success, profitability, and growth under today's supply chain conditions. Tompkins stated, "The key to success is to be flexible, modular, portable, agile, and available on demand while operating efficiently over a wide range of requirements; organizations must have anti-brittle solutions."

“This year’s event was outstanding with new thought leadership, awesome attendees, and a host of great activities, where everybody had a chance to connect and learn from each other. I believe next year’s event will be even better with new speakers and events being added to the line-up,” says [Jim Tompkins](#).

About Tompkins International

Tompkins International is a supply chain consulting and implementation firm that maximizes supply chain performance and value creation. It enables clients to be more profitable and valuable, while also becoming more agile, flexible, and adaptive to the marketplace. Tompkins collaborates with client teams to develop improved operations strategies, supply chain planning, and execution across all the Mega Processes of supply chains (PLAN-BUY-MAKE-MOVE-DISTRIBUTE-SELL). Tompkins is headquartered in Raleigh, NC and has offices throughout North America and in Europe and Asia. For more information visit: www.tompkinsinc.com.

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